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Saint Mary's Seminary

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We Point With Pride

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We, the classes of 1949 would like to introduce to you our President, Miss May Russell. We feel this an honor, not only because she has won our deepest respect and admiration, but also because we are the first graduating classes at St. Mary's to have this opportunity.

As this is Miss Russell's first year at St. Mary's, we feel that only the most complete of introductions is in order.

Miss Russell was born in Maddox, Maryland. She attended Margaret Brent High School, where she later returned to teach.

After graduation from Margaret Brent, she entered Western Maryland College holding the office of Student Government President. Besides presiding as Student Government President, she held office of President of the Athletic Association, the Episcopal Club, and her sorority, Sigma Sigma Tau. She is the only woman graduate at Western Maryland to have held four presidencies simultaneously. As a result of her many accomplishments, she was named the outstanding woman graduate of her class.

Her education was continued at Columbia University Teachers College, where she received her Master's degree. Further graduate work has been done at the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University. She came to St. Mary's from Salisbury State Teachers College where she acted as Dean of Women and Instructor of College Mathematics.

Although the greater part of her formal training has been devoted to education, Miss Russell has found time for active participation in the field of sports. Tennis and water sports rank high on her list of accomplishments; she also has a love for the air and has been flying for two and a half years.

However, Miss Russell's main interest now lies in her plans for the enlargement of the junior college here at St. Mary's. Included in these plans is a classroom building fully equipped for two hundred students which will be ready in the near future. She also hopes to add a new dormitory building as soon as it is possible. As she puts it, "The junior college here is a part of the most dynamic movement in the field of education today. It is the answer to a great need on the part of those students graduating from our senior high schools who wish to continue their education."

In regard to St. Mary's, Miss Russell has said, "I think the school provides a wonderful opportunity for both academic and personality growth; that the experiences incurred in a small school offer opportunities for development in the lives of the young women who are to be future citizens of the State of Maryland."

As you can see, we have every reason to be proud of Miss Russell. Her understanding attitude and sincere interest, her enthusiasm which is so evident in so many phases of school life, and her friendly and helpful counsel have endeared her to the hearts of us all. It is to her that we owe, to a large degree, the success of our classes.

Dedication

It is with the greatest of admiration that we, the Graduates of 1949, humbly dedicate this, our yearbook, to our President, May Russell. She has instilled in us a deep and lasting appreciation for our Alma Mater, and the phases of life we have herein encountered. We leave with the hope that she may, in the years to come, be as proud of us as we are of her today. We offer to you, Miss Russell, this, our personal tribute.

Faculty Degrees

MAY RUSSELL, *President*

A.B., Western Maryland College;
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University;
Graduate Study, Johns Hopkins University, University of Michigan.

ELEANOR B. NORTH, *English*

B.A., M.A., The Pennsylvania State College;
Graduate Study, Oxford University, Oxford, England; Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; The British Museum, London, England; Harvard University.

FLORENCE D. NOLAND, *Mathematics and Psychology*

A.B., Adelphi College, Garden City, New York;
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University.

BETTY CAROL CLUTTS, *Social Studies*

B.A., Woman's College of the University of North Carolina;
M.A., University of North Carolina.

CLAIRE V. STICKNEY, *French, Spanish*

Early Education, Notre Dame de la Compassion, Hauteville et St. Denis, France;
A.B., and M.A., Catholic University, Washington, D. C.;
Graduate Study, Middlebury College, Vt. and The University of Havana, Havana, Cuba.

LOUISE K. ROTHA, *Science*

A.B., Woman's College of the University of North Carolina;
M.S., University of Chicago;
Graduate Study, Duke University, New York University, Cornell Medical School

GERTRUDE E. REINBOLD, *Speech, Drama*

A.B., State Teachers College, Montclair, New Jersey;
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University;
Graduate Study, Fordham University.

LOTTIE D. HOKE, *Home Economics*

A.B., St. Joseph's College;
M.S., Columbia University;
Graduate Study, Johns Hopkins University, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

IONE STAVELY, *Business*

B.S., University of Minnesota;
M.A., Columbia University.

MARGARET BERNICE GAY, *Music*

B.M., Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi;
M.M., Louisiana State University;
Graduate Study, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Christiansen Choral School, Mississippi Southern College.

ELLA GRAY WILSON, *Physical Education*

A.B., Woman's College of the University of North Carolina;
M.A., University of North Carolina.

MRS. HELEN L. MANSON, *Librarian*

Library School, George Peabody College

(*Standing*) Miss Reinbold, Mrs. Halstead, Miss Noland, Miss Stavely, Miss Wilson, Miss Clutts
(*Seated*) Miss Hoke, Miss Stickney, Miss North, Miss Rotha, Mrs. Manson

Faculty Introduction

In every building construction there are three important parts: the foundation or basic support, the framework, and the finish, be it brick, stone, or wood. Thus in St. Mary's—Fortress of Learning—these component parts are also found.

The foundation or basic support represents the President, May Russell, to whom gratitude and respect are given in the dedication of this book. The finish would correspond, quite naturally, to the students, and it will be noticed that in both cases they are the most characteristic part of the structure. Finally, the almost forgotten part of a building, the framework, and, continuing the comparison, the faculty. Unfortunate but true, the framework loses its glory to the finish it makes possible, as does the instructor gain little merit for the alertness, cooperativeness, or scholastic achievement for which the students often receive compliments and even awards.

A tribute is due to you, the faculty of St. Mary's, for your never-failing effort to help and cooperate. You form a part of not only the classes which meet daily, but are invaluable as sponsors and advisors to the numerous campus organizations. May the students of St. Mary's express now their thanks to you for forming the constructive framework of the most important years of their lives, and may the graduates thank you especially for making possible, this, their graduation.

Miss Noland

The Seminary was very pleased to have as their dean this year Miss Florence Noland. Miss Noland was born in Queen's Village, New York, but at the age of nine she moved to Garden City which has been her home ever since. She received her A.B. in Math at Adelphi College, New York, and being brave of heart, she continued majoring in math until she received her M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Last year found Miss Noland teaching at Helen Bush School in Seattle, Washington, quite a distance from her home in the East. Upon returning to New York in the summer, she found a letter from Miss Russell requesting her to be the dean at St. Mary's for the coming school year. It took only a few days for Miss Noland to decide that she would come to St. Mary's.

Not only does she teach math, but she also has classes in psychology and mental hygiene. Miss Noland has helped a great many of the students with their problems, always showing a great deal of sympathy and understanding.

In spite of a busy schedule, Miss Noland manages to find time for a great variety of sports. When asked what her special interests were she replied, "Oh, nothing exciting. I'm interested in everything, especially people." She loves to travel, but we of the Seminary hope that her roving foot doesn't exert itself next year and that the newcomers to the Seminary shall be able to profit by her guidance as we have done this year.

Miss Louise Rotha

The people are friendly in Waynesville, North Carolina as is proven by Miss Louise K. Rotha. Miss Rotha's main interests lie in science and the girls. One of the reasons for her popularity at St. Mary's is the fact that she likes the things the students like, such as music (all kinds), dogs (Chesapeake Bay Retrievers), and those bridge sessions in the teachers' smoker.

Miss Rotha went a long way to further her education. She received her A.B. at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and obtained her M.S. at the University of Chicago. In New York, she did graduate work at New York University and at Cornell Medical School.

It was at Cornell that she held her first position—doing scientific research work. She taught science in North Carolina and Florida before coming to St. Mary's.

For the past five years, Miss Rotha has performed well her position as faculty advisor on the Council and has seen two years as school Registrar. She served as acting president last year in the absence of Miss France. In all of her offices and classes she shows at all times complete fairness and sympathy towards all.

Miss Rotha's scope of activity adds up to one fact; she well deserves the admiration and devotion she has won from every Seminary student, and from everyone who knows her.

Miss Ethel Chance

Miss Ethel Chance, Miss Russell's very capable secretary, comes from Centreville, Maryland.

Undecided as to what to do after graduating from high school in Centreville, Miss Chance registered for nurse's training at Memorial Hospital, Easton, Maryland, on the spur of the moment. Here she spent the life of a hard-working student nurse for three years. Upon graduating, Miss Chance received her R.N.

From Easton she went to City Hospitals in Baltimore where she assisted in surgery, which she considers fascinating.

Three months before war was declared in 1941, Miss Chance joined the Army Nurse Corps. She was Chief nurse and held the rank of Captain in the Third Air Force station in Florida. She was extremely interested in her work, but in 1945 she transferred her interests to the secretarial field, attending Strayer's Business School in Baltimore.

Miss Chance's first love is frog legs, her favorite delicacy. She also enjoys parties and dances. She is interested in sports in general, but prefers baseball. She likes the movies, and she is an avid bridge-player at St. Mary's. Miss Chance dislikes modern art, but she enjoys good music and singing.

Our versatile Miss Chance, who is a patient and interesting worker, always has a friendly smile, a good sense of humor and is a fine friend to all.

Mrs. Manson

Our librarian, Mrs. Manson, hails from way down in Memphis, Tennessee. She attended public schools in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and received her higher education at the Mississippi State College for Women, and Library School at George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tennessee.

She has visited numerous parts of the United States—several trips to the West Coast, nearly a year spent in the Southwest, and across the borders into Canada and Mexico.

When Mrs. Manson first came to S.M.S. in August, 1935, the present library was used as a study hall where all the students spent their free periods, going to their rooms only after lunch and after school. The library was located in the rooms now used as the Dean's office and class room. It was only 12 years ago that the library was moved to its present location.

Aside from the books she is always associated with, Mrs. Manson enjoys stamp collecting and excels in handwork, such as crocheting and knitting.

The students of St. Mary's owe a great deal more than mere thanks can express to Mrs. Manson for her tireless efforts and hours spent in keeping the library available and attractive for the students.

Mrs. Julia Halstead

Mrs. Julia Marion Halstead was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Although she has lived there, or in its vicinity, most of her life, she has traveled a great deal, having lived for a time in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. She received her higher education in Baltimore where she attended Notre Dame College.

This is Mrs. Halstead's first year at St. Mary's and in this year she has certainly proven her ability to fill the capacity of Housemother to some seventy girls.

Mrs. Halstead is a great lover of the outdoors and especially of life on the water. She is fond of swimming, boating, and particularly fishing in which she participates quite regularly. Another weakness is animals (as we certainly know from seeing Misty and Pebbles, her two canine friends). Flowers and housemaking, in general, she considers fascinating.

But first of all, she says, she enjoys young people and working with them. At one time she owned and operated a small summer camp in Anne Arundel County called "Linger-Longer Camp." Usually she had about fifteen girls there, but at times it was a young boys' camp. Here she taught them the summer sports—swimming, boating, and fishing.

Mrs. Halstead has one daughter and one son, both of whom are married. She also has two grandchildren, who are her pride and joy.

Mrs. Halstead has certainly been a wonderful Mother and the students join in sincere thanks to her for her unending patience and understanding.

Miss Betty Clutts

Miss Betty Carol Clutts hails from Bowling Green, Ohio. She lived in Bowling Green for three years and then moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, where she now lives.

Her early education was acquired at Curry School in Greensboro. Miss Clutts received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Women's College, North Carolina. Upon graduation there, she taught Social Science at the high school in Gastonia, North Carolina. Her graduate work was taken at the University of North Carolina in history, with sociology as her minor.

In 1942 Miss Clutts put away her school books to join the United States Navy. Three months were spent in indoctrination and midshipmen's school at North Hampton, Massachusetts. She was then transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, where she served as a communications officer in the Sixth Naval District. She also served as a communications officer at Pearl Harbor for six months.

Miss Clutts has many hobbies, as the girls at St. Mary's well know. Among these hobbies are dogs, cooking, knitting, gardening, collecting record albums, and, last but not least, taking pictures of the Sem-Fems at St. Mary's Seminary.

If you were to ask Miss Clutts her main dislike, you would find it to be "turnips" (vegetable or animal). Also among her dislikes are children under the age of ten years, her explanation: "I'm afraid of them." Miss Clutts explains that she has a phobia for giving tests, especially in history.

Not only does the Student Council feel fortunate in having Miss Clutts act as assistant advisor, but the entire student body feels that she is an essential part of our life here at St. Mary's Junior College.

Miss Bernice Gay

Miss Bernice Gay came to St. Mary's from Brooklyn, Mississippi, as instructor in our Music Department. She received her B.M. from Bellhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, and later attended Louisiana State University for her M.M.

After finishing college, she taught at Forest County Agricultural High School, Brooklyn, Mississippi; Drew High School, Drew, Mississippi; Jones County Jr. College, Ellisville, Mississippi; Moorhead Jr. College, Moorhead, Mississippi; and then she came to St. Mary's. She is the director of the St. Mary's Choir and Advisor to the Freshman Class.

One of her hobbies is cooking and it has been said that she is a very good one.

Not only has Miss Gay perfected the Music Department by producing many fine examples of voice and piano students, but the Choir, under her direction, has given both public and private recitals. She has given several piano recitals herself this year.

Miss Gay can be recognized around the campus by her petiteness and her "Mississippi accent." She also possesses an excellent sense of humor. Whether student or faculty member, music lover, or shunner, Miss Gay is the person anyone is glad to call a friend.

Miss Lottie Hoke

Miss Lottie Hoke has been at St. Mary's for two years. She is instructor of the Home Economics Department and serves as dietitian. Miss Hoke's home was in Emmitsburg, Maryland, but recently she has taken up residence in Winchester, Virginia.. She went to St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and earned her A.B. From there she entered Columbia University, New York, and received her M.S. She has also studied at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

After Miss Hoke finished college, she taught at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania; Emmitsburg, Maryland; Frederick, Maryland; Asheville, North Carolina, and Lutherville, Maryland. She came to St. Mary's in 1947.

Among her many hobbies, she enjoys cooking and on the side, she does a little weaving. In our Home Economics classes she teaches sewing, cooking, and family relations. She is also the Home Ec. Club's adviser. Filling the post of a domestic "Mr. Anthony," Miss Hoke is constantly helping the undomestic girls with sewing problems or menu plans.

With other interests in the fields of handwork, such as knitting in which she excels, it is certain that Miss Hoke will continue always in a helpful and efficient capacity as she has so ably this year.

Miss Eleanor North

Whenever we think of "Safe Kept Memories" or of England, we will always think of Miss North, our English instructor.

Miss North was born in Pennsylvania and received her Master's Degree at Pennsylvania State College. She also studied at Oxford University, Oxford, England; Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; The British Museum, London; and Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

She has been in all the states of the Union and has traveled widely in England and Europe, seeing the Oberammergau Passion Play in Austria, the William Tell Play in Switzerland, the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford-on-Avon, the Olympic games (when they were in Germany), and the Wagner Festival in Germany where she saw Hitler. Her travel also includes European Literary Pilgrimages with American university students, and she has brought university students from England, France, and Germany to the United States as sponsor for American Literary Pilgrimages.

In India, Miss North has an adopted Hindustani daughter, Thanii, who is one of her prime interests. Her hobbies include music and poetry, both of which she likes to compose herself. Her favorite musician is Chopin.

Coming to St. Mary's eight years ago, Miss North planned to stay only one year, but St. Mary's was so beautiful that she has staved on. Next summer she hopes to leave for England on a Study-Travel Pilgrimage with students.

Our first "Safe Kept Memory" can well express Miss North's philosophy of life:

"I gather to my growing need
Having a hungry heart to feed."

Miss Gertrude Reinbold

Miss Gertrude Reinbold was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. She received her B.A. degree at Montclair State Teachers College in New Jersey. Her M.A. degree is from Teachers College, Columbia, New York City. She also has taken summer courses at Fordham University.

Until she went into the work professionally, dramatics had always been Miss Reinbold's hobby. Her very latest hobbies are playing bridge and listening to music with the other members of the faculty.

One of the most interesting phases of Miss Reinbold's "hobby-turned-profession" is the time she has spent at summer theaters. Two she has attended are the Greenbush Summer Theater in Nyack, New York, and the Provincetown Summer Theater in Massachusetts.

This is Miss Reinbold's first year with us at St. Mary's. She holds classes in both speech and dramatic arts. She also directs Samadra, our St. Mary's Drama Club. In working with Samadra, she did excellent work on the fall production, "Ladies in Retirement," which was a marvelous performance. Our spring play, "Only an Orphan Girl," was also an evidence of her fine directing ability. Another important part which Miss Reinbold has played, in connection with her courses, is the direction of the speeches for the tours of state high schools that are being made by the students.

Altogether, Miss Reinbold's instruction here has been a great help to the students. Wishes for the very best of dramatic futures are hers.

Miss Ione Stavely

Miss Ione Stavely hales from Ellendale, North Dakota. She has also lived for five years in Hawaii and for two years in New York City.

She attended the University of Hawaii for her first two years of college. From the University of Minnesota she graduated with a B.S. degree. Her M.A. is from Columbia.

She has had three years of experience in secretarial work. For two years she taught at the State Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale, North Dakota.

This is Miss Stavely's first year at St. Mary's, where she fills the capacity of business instructor. Her schedule is full, including classes in all the business subjects—shorthand, typing, accounting, consumer economics, and office practice. She also conducts a journalism class, and with it and the business classes manages the writing and publishing of our excellent school newspaper, *The Ripples*.

Miss Stavely's interests and hobbies are wide and varied. Favorites are bowling, bridge, reading, and swimming. She is also intensely interested in traveling—as shown by the many places she has made her home. Her ambition in this line is a trip to Norway.

We wish Miss Stavely all the best on her proposed trips; but meanwhile the students, and especially those majoring in commercial courses wish her a "bon voyage" through the commercial world, as well.

Miss Claire V. Stickney

Miss Stickney was born in Hartford, Connecticut. However, she acquired her early education in France at Saint Denis, a private school. After her high school education was completed, Miss Stickney returned to America and worked as translator and interpreter.

Her B.A. and Master's degrees were obtained at The Catholic University, Washington, D. C. She also has done graduation work at the University of Havana, Cuba, and The Middlebury Language School, Middlebury, Vermont. Miss Stickney taught at St. Joseph's in Hartford, Connecticut, then going to Duchesne College in Omaha, Nebraska. From there she came to St. Mary's Seminary where she has held the position

of language instructor for twelve years. She also serves as sponsor for the French Club and Assembly Committee.

Miss Stickney's likes tend toward the fine arts, such as music and painting. She also enjoys reading classics and novels. She is very artistic and enjoys work in ceramics, making costume jewelry and painting.

As you can see, Miss Stickney leads a full, rich, well-rounded life and we are very proud of her, not only for her ability as an excellent language instructor, but also for her co-operation and willingness to assist the classes and clubs which she sponsors. The students of St. Mary's feel that they are very lucky to have such a splendid friend and instructor.

Miss Ella Gray Wilson

Miss Ella Gray Wilson, our Physical Education instructor, is from Dunn, North Carolina. She received her A.B. degree at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She achieved her Master of Arts at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

After Miss Wilson finished college, she taught at Dunn High School in her home town before coming to St. Mary's.

One of her many hobbies is playing the piano, although she seldom finds the time. She is very interested in the sports which we offer here at St. Mary's. Her favorite in this realm is tennis, although the choice was a difficult one to make. She has done very well with our varsity basketball team, and as another addition to our physical education program, Miss Wilson trained some of her classes for an archery tournament. She has also been advisor to the Athletic Association and Board, and with her help they have been able to stimulate a much more enthusiastic sports program.

This year St. Mary's can proudly display a team on any field and can boast an Athletic Instructor who has set a real goal for which to strive.

Editorial

In the life of every girl there are times when she must say farewell. She must say good-bye to people and places that have played an important role in the pattern of her life. This is true at St. Mary's where in one year or four, she has found a sister in every girl around her. As each of you travel your separate paths, may you remember the little joys that have been yours and the friends that you have made at St. Mary's. May you remember, too, that for every good-bye that you must say, you have said hello as well.

You have found here beauty and much for which to be grateful. You have known joy and sorrow, good times and those not so good. You have lived through firedrills and exams, Sundays without dates and Mondays with no mail; and, you have come out on top. You have found here many friends—some that, perhaps, you will never see again. You have learned the meaning of loyalty, school spirit, responsibility, and honor; you know how it feels to be truly proud of your school, your faculty, your fellow schoolmates, and yourself.

In this fortress of learning—St. Mary's—you have been well prepared. The school has done much for you. But it is rather for the things that you have done for this, your Alma Mater, that we make this tribute to you. May God bless and watch over thirty-five of the grandest girls in the world—the Graduates of 1949.

Your Assistant Editor

To The Seniors

These few words are directed especially to the Seniors of 1949—all thirteen. I should like to thank you, each and every one, for making our years together at St. Mary's something which none of us could forget. I could not have served as class-president without your individual support and desire for success. Nor is success truly possible unless each becomes a part of it. We have succeeded—whether it be recorded in our history or our minds. May each of you find future happiness and the fulfillment of your fondest dreams. You have fulfilled one of mine.

Rachel

Graduates

1949

Seniors

RACHEL ANNE EARLY, *President* "Rachel"

"Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Student Council 1
French Club 1, 2, 3, Sec't 4
Castellan Staff 3, 4
Samadra 1, 2, 3, 4,
Assembly Comm. 1, 3, 4
Orientation Comm. 3, 4
Expansion Tours Chairman, 4
Class Pres. 3, 4
Student Expenditures Comm. 4
Social Calendar 4
Jr. Coll. Conferences 4
May Day (Modern Dance) 3, 4

Precision is her goal. Her dancing blue eyes often looked to C.H.M.A., but her scientific mind excels in scholastics, leadership, and personality. A primary opinion of the many people who know her, spontaneously says, "She's a lady." "The harder you fall, the higher you bounce."

VIRGINIA BORGMAN, *Vice-President* "Ginger"

"One of the fairest
And one of the rarest—"

May Court, Princess 3, 4
Varsity Hockey 4
Samadra 3 Vice Pres. 4
Student Gov't Court 4
Cheerleader 3, 4
A. A. Board 4
Jr. Coll. Conferences 4
Expansion Tours 4
Castellan Staff 4
The Ripples Staff 3, 4
Class Vice Pres. 4
Orientation Comm. 4

Ginger possesses the incomparable combination of ability, beauty, and personality. She inspires one to think of a Dresden figurine with her delicate features and gentle sweetness. She is a credit to St. Mary's—and what a boost to Penn State!

MARYANNA PATRICIA HAYWARD "Trish"

Secretary

"I've seen some balls and revels in my time."

Commercial Club 3, Pres. 4
The Ripples Staff 3
Castellan Staff 3, 4
May Day (Modern Dance) 3, 4
Varsity Volleyball
Choir 3
Class Sec't 4
Jr. Coll. Conferences 4
Expansion Tours 4
Social Relation Comm. 3, 4
Student Gov't Court 4

"Little but mighty" is our representative from the only place in the world—"Pennsylvania—God's country." Trisha has a special affinity for Johns Hopkins University—we heartily agree that our loquacious little Miss has good taste. She's sophisticated, 'sumptuous, and number one in everyone's book.

ANNE DENNIS, *Treasurer* "Anne"

"Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter"

May Day (Modern Dance) 3, 4
A. A. Board 4
Varsity Hockey 4
Varsity Basketball 4
French Club 3, 4
Samadra Club 4
Castellan Staff 4
Class Treas. 4

What love does to some people! Anne is the girl with the happy face and smiling eyes, the true outdoor enthusiast with a love of sports. Her theme song, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" has been fulfilled, we know, and she will be accompanied to many such games with Herbert Wood.

CAROLYN SUE BAUMANN "Nupie"

"If thou regrett'st thy youth, why live."

Student Council 3, Pres. 4
Party Planning Comm. 3, 4
Financial Expenditures 4
Social Calendar Comm. 4
Autumn Carnival Comm. 4
Jr. Coll. Conferences 4
French Club 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 3, 4
Choir 3, 4
Expansion Tours 4
Orientation Comm.
Castellan Staff 4
May Court 4

Nupie's twinkling blue eyes not only reflect her craving for fun but a genuine interest in those around her. Home Ec is her specialty and she plans to further this study at the University of Maryland next year. With business-like diplomacy and much-envied poise, this lass will gain success in all she attempts. S.M.S. is going to miss you, Nupie.

VIRGINIA ANNE BURNSIDE "Itch"

"The world is so full of a number of things
I'm sure we should be happy as kings."

Social Relations Comm. 3
May Day (Modern Dance) 3, 4
Home Ec. Club Sec't 3, Pres. 4
Varsity Basketball 3, Captain 4
Jr. Coll. Conferences 4
Expansion Tours 4
Castellan Staff 4
The Ripples Staff 4
Social Calendar Comm.
A. A. Board 4
Choir 4

To know Itch is to love her. With exuberance personified. We'll also remember her with one of her most utilized expressions, "Get me my drinking hat!" Her brown eyes and friendly smile make her the fun-lovinest gal we know. To University of Maryland, we send one of our best.

CAROLYN JEAN DIXON "Dixie"

"You smile, why, there's my picture ready made,
That's what we painters call harmony."

May Court 3, May Queen 4
Samadra 3
Choir 3, 4
Cheerleader 3, 4
Commercial Club, Treas. 3, 4
The Ripples Staff 3
Social Relations Comm. 4

A queen in our midst—a beauty with brown eyes and lilting voice is Jean. "Just call me Pierre." She calls 'em shoes, we call 'em clodhoppers. Her smile would woo Mr. Boyer, indeed! A boost to any dorm party or picnic, each of us will miss Jean and her winnin' ways.

MARY BETH EARLY "Beth"

"Beauty is truth, truth, beauty
That is all ye know, and all ye need to know."

French Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Samadra 1, 2, Treas. 3, Pres. 4
May Day (Modern Dance) 2, 3, 4
Student Play Director 2
A. A. Board 3, V. P. 4
The Ripples Staff 3, 4
Castellan Staff 4
Class Sec't 3
Varsity Hockey 2, 3, 4

This vivacious and mischievous deceiver has broken many resolutions for being on time—for four years. Twinkletoes, or the "elder of the Early twins," is sweet and lovely with the generous and welcome attitude of always possessing the desire to help others. Hail to thee, blithe spirit.

FRANCIS FRAZER "Francie"

"Reason is the logic of all things, great and small."

Choir 3
May Day (Music) 3
A. A Board 4
Assembly Comm. 4
Samadra 3, 4
Castellan Staff 4
Varsity Scorekeeper 4

Francie hails from the Eastern Shore. She is known to her classmates by "Miss Rotha, it's only bubble gum!" We'll also remember her ability as a photographer and sports enthusiast, and her possession of the miraculous ability to produce an answer to every question.

EMILY MORGAN MANLOVE "Em-lee"

"If hope, and Truth, and Justice may avail, Thou shalt be great—all hail!"

Varsity Volleyball 3, 4
Varsity Basketball 3, 4
Varsity Softball 3
A. A. Board 3, Pres. 4
TIME Current Affairs Test 3, 4
Social Calendar Comm. 4
Chairman of Playday 3
Student Council 4
Spirit of Christmas 4

A conscientious student, Emily has her ambitions as her guide. She is a "Champ" in every field—respected and admired by all for her display of good sportsmanship, and her capabilities as an able and excellent leader. We remember "Em" as one o' the finest.

ELIZABETH ANNE SMITH "B.A."

"All that ever was
Joyous, and clear, and fresh, thy music doth surpass—"

Home Ec. Club 3, Treas. 4
Samadra 3, 4
Castellan Staff 4
The Ripples Staff 3
May Day (Music) 3, 4
Party Planning Comm. 4

Wedding bells in June! "And all that's best of dark and bright melt in her aspect, and in her eyes—" She can cook too! This lady of the merry disposition is most gifted with a talent for the artistic, for she enjoys literature, plays the piano, and even dabbles in poetry, so we're told. May she enjoy the best, for she deserves it.

ELIZABETH THOMAS "Tomi"

"With malice toward none and charity toward all."

Social Calendar Comm. 2
The Ripples Staff 2, Editor 3, 4
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French Club 2, 3, Pres. 4
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Library Comm. 4
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An ambitious student with an eye on her future, Tomi is the pride of each of her friends. She is one individual who appreciates the finer things in this life. Her sunny face with eyes that fairly shine is characteristic of a sense of humor which is genuine. With the combination of many and varied abilities—this lady spells success.

SALLY MEAGEN McLEAN TURNER "Smokey"

"Come, pipe a tune to dance to—lass—"

Samadra 1, 2
Class Secretary 2
May Prom Chairman 3
Social Calendar Comm. 3
Artist and Lecture Comm. 2, 3
Varsity Volleyball 2, 3
Varsity Softball 3
Varsity Hockey 4
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Junior Coll. Conferences 4
Orientation Comm. 3, Chairman 4
Student Council 3, Vice Pres. 4
Athletic Board 3, 4
Choir 1, 2, 3, Student Dir. 4

"Our gal Sal" is known to all by those nimble fingers that can produce such melodic sounds on the keyboard. Hailing from Detroit, she brings with her that winning smile, those devilish eyes, and that traditional "Temptation." She's an artist at heart and a true friend to many hearts.

Senior Superlatives

Most Typical Sem Fem.....Virginia Burnside

Most Popular.....Virginia Burnside

Contributed Most to the School.....Elizabeth Thomas

Most Poised.....Carolyn Baumann

Best Dressed.....Jean Dixon

Most Vivacious.....Virginia Burnside

Most Diplomatic.....Carolyn Baumann

Most Studious.....Emily Manlove

Best Dancer.....Mary Beth Early

Most Likely to Succeed.....Elizabeth Thomas

Most Creative.....Betty Anne Smith

Prettiest.....Jean Dixon

Most Industrious.....Elizabeth Thomas

Best Figure.....Virginia Borgman

Most Athletic.....Emily Manlove

Best Sense of Humor.....Virginia Burnside

Most Versatile.....Sally Turner

Most Musical.....Sally Turner

Most Courteous.....Emily Manlove

Best Personality.....Virginia Burnside

Best Groomed Hair.....Jean Dixon

Most Mischievous.....Virginia Burnside

Most Sincere.....Emily Manlove

Best Actress.....Mary Beth Early

Senior Class Will

We, the Senior Class of 1949, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave this, our last will and testament, to the members of St. Mary's Seminary Junior College who come after us, in the hope that they will uphold the traditions, customs, and wishes of our class.

I, Carolyn Sue Baumann, do hereby will and bequeath my concession as mailman to anyone who can arrange with Miss Rotha to have every fourth period in the week free; to all early rising Home Ec majors, the fun and wonderful times we four have shared at the cottage this spring; and to the fortunate representative who goes to the Autumn Carnival at Maryland University next fall, I promise an unforgettable three days crowded with parties and football games.

I, Virginia Borgman, do hereby will and bequeath my question, "Why, Miss Rotha?" to the members of next year's science classes; to Barbara Pollock I leave my half interest in the "Ambassador," provided that she will raise that to at least two-thirds interest when she graduates from the Seminary; to B. J. Laufer, my ability to get all my work in on time in some mysterious fashion; and my collection of "shoes" to Shirley Wilson.

I, Virginia Anne Burnside, do hereby will and bequeath my drinking hat to anyone who thinks they can live up to it; to Mary Jane Wiles and Mary June Robertson I leave my good ole rocking chair in the hopes that they can live up to the tradition that goes along with it; to Shirley Wilson I leave my ability to keep out of trouble. I leave my upper bunk in the Home Ec cottage. I leave!

I, Eleanor Anne Dennis, will and bequeath my seat on the Saturday night U.S.O. bus to my room-mate, Edith Anne Robinson; my love for sports to June Dean; and to Bertha Stone, my desire for "Sunday to hurry and come!"

I, Carolyn Jean Dixon, do hereby will and bequeath to Jeraldine Rickert, my outstanding ability to play basketball, to Elizabeth McWilliams, my ever faithful spot on the window-seat for day dreaming, and to Mary June Robertson, my beloved mountains, in hopes that her hearing apparatus will not be impaired.

I, Mary Elizabeth Early, do hereby will and bequeath to my little sis, Mary Lee Witzke, my warm nature to lure "her Bill" to her for always; to Miss Stickney and Mrs. Manson, I will my love for the water so that they might swim the river if they ever get stuck again; and to the school I leave an escalator so that everyone hereafter will have no excuse for being late!

I, Rachel Anne Early, do hereby will and bequeath my "Saturday night sunburn" and my "time-honored privilege" of announcing "Del-Reo—take your hair down!" to Elizabeth Chandler, sincerely hoping she keeps me informed of all details concerning specific areas 35 miles due north; to my li'l sis, Barbara Friend, I leave my seat in the choir for her explicit use; and to Shirley Wilson, I leave my treasured memories of Saint Mary's.

I, Frances Ruth Frazer, do hereby will and bequeath my Smoker bridge hand to Mary Lou Pinder; my moccasins with the "personality plus" to the incinerator; my role as Miss Clutts' photography assistant I leave to Elisabeth Parlett, who demonstrated her ability at the February-March birthday dinner; to my room-mate, Shirley Wilson, I leave my pink pajamas, my mid-nite seat on the north stairs, and my sincerest wishes that her next year's room-mate is also an "early-bird." Last, but not least, I leave Richard, my favorite Saint-Mary's-Sunday-afternoon-tradition to the Seminary.

I, Maryanne Patricia Hayward, do hereby will and bequeath to my little sis, Mary June Robertson, my "natural" curly hair and Chris; to Gail Teese, my weekends so that she will not get too homesick; my "Turkish sarongs" I leave to all Sem-Fems over five-foot-two; and, also to all Sem-Fems, a wonderful vacation in Pennsylvania"!

I, Emily Morgan Manlove, do hereby will and bequeath my modern dance ability to Laura Jo Muessen; to Byrd Lynch, I leave my *Time* magazines for her private use; I leave my glass guard to anyone who might find it useful, with the hope that it will not permanently alter the shape of their nose; and my nicknames I leave to the student body to use at their own discretion.

I, Elizabeth Anne Smith, do hereby will and bequeath the G. C. A. part of Patuxent to any Sem-Fem who thinks she can handle the situation in two years as I did; to my li'l sis, Norma Weaver, I leave the Seminary to be taken as she sees fit; and to my room-mate, Bette Jayne Laufer, I leave a bus ticket to "Dreamland" so that she and Earle can come visit us.

I, Elizabeth Duckett Thomas, will and bequeath my natural curl and all my hair cutting devices to Edith Anne Robinson, in hopes that she will be more conservative in using them than I was; to Mary Alice Waesche, I leave my ability to master the French language, in hopes that Miss Stickney will not have need of the same degree of patience as she needed for her four years with me.

I, Sally Megan McLean Turner, will my quiet room to Miss Rotha that she may go undisturbed by noise made in the hall after hours. To Joanne Munson, I will my ability to make straight A's in Chemistry; my love for the U.S.O. I will to Betsy Jean Parlett, that she may have as much fun as I have had. To anyone who wants it, I will my love for *De*-troit Mitch-i-gan!

In witness hereof, we, the members of the Senior Class of St. Mary's Seminary-Junior College, have subscribed our names and affixed our seal on this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen-hundred and forty-nine.

Senior Class History

Five years ago, the Senior Class of 1949 was unofficially begun. It was a warm day in September, 1944, when Carolyn Zimmerman and Mary Alice Larson registered as sub-Freshmen. The following September, M.A. and Suzy were joined by the official Freshman class of 1945. Rita Bittle was duly elected President, with Jane Dodson serving as Vice-President, Jean Booth as Secretary, and Betty Gene Myers as Treasurer. Mrs. Hyre was class advisor. Together we planned our assembly on "The Life of a Typical Sem-Fem," our dance —*The Big Top Hop*—which was a big success, and our Speech Arts play—*The Blackberry Patch*. On May Day, Betty Gene Myers, our strawberry-blonde princess, was lovely in her lime green dress. The end of May brought forth plans for the Sophomore picnic and the "typing of the daisies." The year closed with fond memories and anxious anticipation of the year to come.

We returned in September to find several members of our class had been replaced with new-comers—making our total number nineteen. We graciously accepted our role as Sophomores, and in due time elected class officers. They were: Mary Alice Larson, Nancy Miller, Sally Turner, and Peggy Burch—President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. With Miss Beatty as class advisor, and the complete cooperation of all our class, we presented our Armistice Day King's Daughters, and our assembly. The Sophomore-Senior Bazaar was an overwhelming success—even if the coffee was strong! May Day left us memories of Nancy Miller in pale blue, and Betty Gene Myers in green—both of whom we Sophomores thought were truly lovelier than any on the court. The hayride picnic to Point Lookout, exams, Play Day, Class Day, Baccalaureate, and Graduation followed in rapid succession—closing a glorious year in the lives of the "Ethnocentrical Nineteen."

The summer passed rapidly; and the quintet—Sally Turner, Betsy Hartshorn, Beth Early, Rachel Early, and Elizabeth Thomas—returned to be joined by eighteen up-and-coming Juniors. The Orientation Committee, Junior members being Rachel Early and Sally Turner, sought the introduction of the "new-girls" to school life; and the Athletic Association added their part by giving an excellent picnic at Pine Bar! September 17, class elections—our first big undertaking as Juniors: Rachel Early, President, Auria Nan Valentine, Vice-President, Beth Early, Secretary, and Leigh Ribble, Treasurer, were elected, and with the aid of Miss Clutts as Advisor, the big plans for the year began to form.

Our history would be truly incomplete without mentioning the versatility of our classmates. The Council claimed Elizabeth Thomas as Secretary, with Sally Turner, Leigh Ribble, and Carolyn Baumann as councilmembers. Serving on the Athletic Board were Betsy Hartsborn—Social Chairman, Beth Early—Walking, Sally Turner—Boating, and Emily Manlove—Volleyball. Leigh Ribble and Elizabeth Thomas performed a commendable job as co-editors of the *Signal News*. Truly with such representatives as we Juniors had, we could not help but succeed in all we attempted!

Hockey season arrived, and we rallied to the cause. Many of us had never played before, and much had to be learned. We wonder, at this time, if that "falling cross-bar" had any bad effects on Beth's technique! While we neither won first nor second place, we dramatically tied for third, resolving to do better as Seniors.

November 8, a somewhat (!) cloudy day, heralded the Fall Prom, "Make Mine Music." For days ahead, we had been busily working on decorations in anticipation of the gala affair. As we climbed into bed in the wee hours of the morning of November 9, we were agreed on its success.

The time of our Junior-Freshman play was rapidly approaching, and we eagerly awaited the official appearance of our talent. Sally Turner as Student Director of "Home to Mother" and Betsy Hartshorn as Student Director of "At the Junction" made us truly proud, and convinced that an evening of entertainment was guaranteed. Could we ever forget Mary Clarke's immortal line: "Men, they're all alike!"

December 7, the King's Daughter's Program, "Christmas Everywhere" was our pride and joy. Emily, Anne, Norma Lee, and Rachel went "a-wassailing" for greens, only to find the four-mile trek was a wee bit chilly and the southern Maryland woods were inhabited with a variety of animals. The "Oscar" for the best acting of the evening went to Earl Compton as Grandfather, and Eddie Crouch as Father. Our resources came in handy when male parts in plays were involved!

Christmas festivities and preparations were soon upon us. The Speech Class was unforgettable in its remarkable (?) performance in the Pageant. The Christmas Banquet was the first formal one of the year, and a red-letter day on our class calendar. For several days we had been rehearsing our skit, "Why the Chimes Rang" and as a result, the prize was ours. Early the morning after the banquet, 6:00 a.m. to be exact, the rushing of many feet awakened us, and we too joined in the caroling, most of us crawling wearily back into bed for thirty minutes after we had sung ourselves hoarse! Of course there were a few ambitious ones who stayed up to finish that last-minute packing. After what seemed an eternity, the last class was over, and we were on our way home.

Christmas vacation went almost too fast. We returned to school in early January to find we were missing two members—Betty Lamoreux and Mary Clarke Wilson. Their leaving left us with no details as to when our next holiday would be, for who could count as accurately as they the hours 'til the next one!

Exams were fast approaching, a new experience for many of us. It scarcely seemed possible they were so near. Perhaps the anticipated mid-winter recess made the initial shock less painful, even if we did have a "baby-blizzard" ra ging outside during our English 19 exam.

February came in, heralded by our return to school. TIME TESTS were taken, and in due time statistics proved that Emily was a Junior who was currently aware. We must admit we were proud of her—even if somewhat jealous!

February 24—seems something happened then! Oh, yes—Miss Clutts, our own Advisor, "had growed like Topsy" and her birthday was quite upon us! The cake and candles came in installments, but I must admit the gifts were priceless—in particular that KOW!

March brought preparations for volleyball and the close of basketball season. Despite our strenuous efforts, the Senior basketball team placed first in the intramural games—leaving us to second place. The team was coordinated to a fine degree with such players as Sally Turner, Ginny Burnside, Norma Lee Mason, Emily Manlove, Anne Dennis, and Beth Early. We won second place in the volleyball tournament and accredit our success to the cry of "Help it over" and our team. Class morale was boosted tremendously by pretty and agile cheerleaders—Dixie and Ginger. Remember "ak-a-lak-a-ching"?

The "take-off" power of the school bus was tested and proven highly efficient at Charlotte Hall on March 8! The occasion was a play, "Arsenic and Old Lace" by name—a most enjoyable evening. We left soon after this for home, Easter, and rest! Dottie Clagett took her leave here, and we acknowledged our number as fast decreasing.

The better part of April was consumed with rehearsals for May Day, and a conscious effort to maintain good posture for a twenty-four-hour period. Blue-ribbon dog show!

May Day—it was here at last. We had heard much about it, but seeing is believing. Despite the warm sunshine in the morning, by noon, the sky was gray and it had begun to drizzle. Even if the curl in our hair was doomed, the rain did not dampen our spirits. We were truly twice honored, for we had not only Ginger as our class princess, but Miss Maryland of 1947—known to us as Dixie, as an honorary member of the court. Ginger was precious in pale blue, and Dixie, stunning in daffodil yellow. The court was entertained by a Fox Hunt—our own Beth as Whipper of the hounds. Leigh Ribble was the Master's Lady, and Rachel Early, a Lady of the hunt. Ginny and Trish were Fox-Hounds and Norma Lee, the butler. Anne Dennis and Beth Early completed the group of May Pole Dancers. Before we leave this occasion in our reminiscences, we must mention Sally and Betty Anne who played the piano. It was invaluable. Nor must we forget the tea which followed. The day was concluded by the annual May Dance, sponsored by the Student Government Association.

May 9, and our last Junior King's Daughter's Program. The date was Mother's Day and the program was composed of several tableaux depicting famous mothers in the Bible.

The farewell picnic to the Seniors was scheduled for May 22. For weeks we had been planning for it—although we did not fully anticipate the "terms" of the transportation contract! We really didn't mind that three- or four-mile trek—or for those of us who chanced a ride back, the crowded conditions!

The Junior Art course was climaxed by the Art Tour on May 24 to various points of interest. Despite our uninvited "friends" who joined us at Massaneri, a wonderful time was had by all.

The Speech Arts Contest on May 27 was our last formal appearance as Juniors. The performance of Leigh Ribble and Carolyn Baumann was superb, and it was with great pleasure that we won second place.

Ay, the end of the year was upon us. Exams had been duly taken and packing had begun. We cannot forget, as we look back, the daisy-picking on Class Day Morning—almost before sunrise, the thrill of being "capped," singing "Seniors" at our last party, and the farewells after Graduation. Truly, our predecessors left us with many fond memories and much for which to strive as Seniors.

Summers have a habit of passing quickly, and this one was no exception. By August, each of us were diverting our thoughts to fast-approaching coke-sessions, pajama parties, "little sisters," study-hall, and the Smoker card games!

September—and school. The Orientation Committee was the first to return—headed by Sally Turner. Assisting her were Nupie Baumann, Ginger Borgman, and Rachel Early. The "new girls" were greeted and introduced to St. Mary's and the "old girls." We were at last full-fledged Seniors, and realized the full import of the name.

The class was headed by Rachel Early as President, and ably assisted by Virginia Borgman, Patricia Hayward, and Norma Lee Mason as Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. The A. A. Picnic was the first project of the year with our skit, "Little Boy Blue," our pride and joy. Sunday, September 12, was the Senior Tea. We frantically tried to boil water on a stove with no gas; but, despite this, the tea was a remarkable success.

By this time, we had finally had time to count noses, and, to our distress, we found that Betsy Hartshorn, Joan Lee, Leigh Ribble, Joann Rose, Kip Valentine, and Nancy McClennahan had not returned. We were only fourteen strong; but we had high hopes, and adopted the adage "Quality, not quantity" as our own.

We Seniors were well represented in the many student organizations. Carolyn Baumann was Student Government Association President, with Sally Turner serving as Vice-President. Tomi Thomas and Emily Manlove became our council members, and Ginger and Trish permanent court members. The Senior Athletic Association officers were Emily Manlove as President, Betty Early as Vice-President, with Anne Dennis—Softball Chairman, Virginia Borgman—Cheerleading Chairman, Sally Turner—Social Chairman, Francis Frazer—Tennis Chairman, Virginia Burnside—Basketball Chairman. Dramatics claimed two of us for Samadra officers—Beth Early and Virginia Borgman, President and Vice-President respectively. Yes, we were definitely to be a busy group of people.

The new school year brought with it our new school President, Miss May Russell. It did not take us long to feel how very much a part of us she was. October 2 was a gala celebration of her birthday, and we Seniors were very proud of *our* Class sponsor.

The Senior King's Daughters on October 3 was a presentation of the most important facts of the school history and background, for we felt that *all* should know of it. It was already a part of us.

For weeks we had been singing "Seniors," but the first indication of its "subtle" truth appeared on October 6. It was that eventful day that we won a quiz (on our intelligence!) and a wonderful box of Hershey Kisses. Such proof of our prowess called for a celebration in true Senior style—a pajama party at which our prize was divided equally and impartially by Rachel and Ginger!

The first long weekend came slowly and passed quickly. We returned with many plans for the forthcoming Fall Prom. As usual, it rained on the big night—but what's a formal dance at St. Mary's without rain. November was climaxed with Thanksgiving, and the close of the hockey season. We placed second in the intramural play-offs, ceding first place to the Sophomores by one point.

December came in with a bang! The plans for the *Baltimore Sunday Sun* article were much discussed, and the final results were gratifying. Term papers for English and Choir rehearsals consumed the majority of our free time. Nor must we forget our Senior-Sophomore Bazaar and the many hours of fun involved in its preparation. Emily again presided over the dishpan, and Nupie over the future! Seems her fortunes were authentic! The Pageant involved Seniors in many instances. Our "bobby-soxer," Ginger, was natural in her part, and Dixie as the Christmas Angel was unforgettable. Knowing for sure the Spirit of Christmas would be a Senior, organized "speculation" was initiated in the form of an extensive daily questioning. We all had our own suspicions, and few of us are still eligible to go to Heaven! The honor was awarded to Emily Manlove—a true representative of St. Mary's.

The Banquet had a sentimental note, for each of us remembered it was our last together. We had resolved to repeat our previous record and succeeded in winning the best skit—"The Gold Piece." The celebration after this victory proved most entertaining—the box of Hershey bars being the focal point of interest. It was not until breakfast the following morning that we counted noses to see if we all had survived—especially Ginger! Caroling, packing, and running for the bus concluded our Christmas festivities at school for 1948. Home was our main thought.

January, 1949—another year. Basketball season was upon us, and Anne Dennis, one of our star basketball guards, broke her arm in the first game of the season. Exam week was a necessary evil and we all pulled through with banners flying. We bid a fond farewell to Norma Lee Mason at her bridal shower on January 27, insisting that she and Jim return to see us graduate.

We were thirteen now, and we decided to be a "bakers' dozen" instead of viewing the pessimistic connotations of the number *13*.

February 1 introduced the "cut system" to the student body. Three of us made the Honor Roll: Elizabeth Thomas, Rachel Early, and Emily Manlove.

The TIME test was again suffered through, and Emily crammed all night! The final results proved her efforts were not in vain—she did it again! Congratulations!

The close of basketball season was a triumph for the Seniors—the coveted first place was ours.

March 3—oh, that fire-drill! Sleep was hopeless after that—5:45 a.m.—even the roosters were still a-bed! It took a long weekend to recuperate, and we returned with new vigor—Spring was coming!

Volleyball, plans for our Assembly and King's Daughters and the Easter holiday—April was here and gone in no time.

May Day arrived in a flurry of activity and suspense. Each of us felt a part of the gala occasion in that we were represented in so many phases of the celebration. First and foremost in our minds was our own *Jean Dixon* who thrilled us beyond expression as May Queen. Her beauty was radiant, framed in her lovely white gown. Nor can we remember the court without Virginia Borgman in pale pink and Carolyn Baumann in sky-blue. We Seniors were truly proud to have such lovely princesses. Twice-honored were we, for Beth, our graceful ballerina, charmed us all with her portrayal of the Lorelei. Virginia Burnside was unforgettable in her role of court jester, and Betty Anne Smith's piano accompaniment was invaluable. May Day closed with treasured memories and great excitement over the plans for the forthcoming formal May Prom. Time was ticking by at a rapid rate!

Our Senior trip to Washington on May 20 for a show and buffet supper made many of us realize how few remaining days there were. A grand and glorious time was had by all, even if we had to take "sleep late" to recover!

May 21 brought more fellowship—this time in the form of a picnic given by the Juniors as a farewell gift to us. The thrill of the campfire and singing was one we could never forget—it was etched on our memories for future enjoyment.

May also brought Alumnae Weekend—a grand, glorious introduction to the organization. The Lecture Tours for Publicity concluded on May 24. For those of us who participated, the experience was priceless.

Yes, the school year was fast drawing to a close. Our last exams at St. Mary's were completed, Play Day had passed, and sentiment was high at the last formal A. A. Banquet. Class Day was truly our own, and as we planted our ivy, we pledged to return often. It was a noble symbol of our deep-rooted friendship and love for St. Mary's. Time was short and many thoughts were rushing through our minds. Our last Senior party, the breakfast given by Nupie, Ginny, and Betty Anne at the Home Ec Cottage, culminated our wonderful years

together, and as the merry-making ended, we looked forward to Baccalaureate, Graduation, and our Ocean City vacation.

The strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and the calling of our names singly—we knew our days as Seniors of 1949 were completed, but not forgotten. We left, hoping that we had fulfilled that which was expected of us, and that those who would follow us would find here the success and happiness that we had discovered together.

Rich joy and love we got and gave;
Our hearts were merry as our dress.
Pile laurel wreaths upon our grave
Who did not gain, but *were* success.

—By *Kilmer.*

Senior Class Prophecy

Well, what do you know—if it isn't *June 6, 1959,* and here we are in Ocean City, Maryland, again for our class reunion. *Emily Manlove,* of course, is the first one to arrive! *Anne Dennis Wood* arrives shortly afterward. We find that Emily is an ever-faithful teacher of history. At the same time she is principal of the school in her home town, Cecilton, of course; and everybody loves her because she has adopted the new famed Diplomatic System whereby naughty pupils are punished most tactfully and without having to receive four slips and a trip to court to be tried! And do you know she is still wondering whether she had lived up to all the requirements, ideals, and standards of being president of the Athletic Association back in '49. She is wearing a dress of Blue Ribbons and is proud (in a modest sort of way) of her menagerie of kitties, kittens, and cats of all colors, shapes, and sizes she has raised since she graduated from the Seminary! You guessed it! That was her hobby, and it still is!

Anne has brought all her embroidering with her. You see, she's embroidering shoe bags now because Herb has just recently broken his leg from falling over *18* pairs of shoes at one time, and she wants to make her pride and joys attractive containers! She has turned out to be a most famous cook. In fact, now, in all her free time during the day she goes one day to the Martha Washington factory, one day to Esskay's meat factory, and one day to Heinz's factory making enough of her own new concoctions to last the rest of the world until the next week comes up. (At heart she's a scientist!)

Then who should mince in but Jean Dixon! She's still just as sweet and pretty as a picture! We can see by her suitcase stickers and tags she's been flying, and a well known flyer, too! The very first thing she says when she arrives is, "Oh, my feet! These shoes are killing me!" I guess I hardly need mention the fact that she has wiped Lily Pons and Jeanette MacDonald completely off the map when it comes to opera singing. Yes! Just as Milton was known as the "organ voice of England," so Dixie is known as the "heart rending violin voice of America" all over the world today. I forgot to mention that between scenes of singing, she models *shoes!*

Who just threw a basketball in that door? (in the distance) "Where is my drinkin' hat, man?" Why, you know it, it's none other than *Ginny Burnside!* Itch is just as crazy and happy-go-lucky as ever. And being an all-star basketball coach keeps her on the go all the time. It doesn't take long for us all to find out that Ginnie, too, has become a great speaker because of her lively and pleasing personality! She told me that she attributes all her parliamentary practices to her first attempt as Master of Ceremonies for the play, "Only an Orphan Girl" back in '49.

"Clippety Clop! Clippety Clop!" Yep, "Whoa!" says *Francie Frazer* as Richard (otherwise known as Prince Charming!) helps Francie from her beloved animal, the *horse!* She's a reg'lar "hayseed" now! And do you know what bonnet she wore for this past Easter of '59? That's right, her "salty hat"! Francie holds sessions of "Argumentive Argumentations" for all those people in the Eastern States who have some difficulty, prejudice, arguments, or the like and would like to discuss it and get it out of his or her system. Incidentally, she is noted for her clever conductance of such frictionous sessions as this. Congratulations, "Frazer"!

Here comes *Sally Turner!* Goodness, is she talking to herself as she meanders to the door? But, of course not, she's singing that traditional *Temptation!* She hasn't quite decided yet between Joe, Gene, Hank, Paul, or Ed! "Well, great fathers!!" Sally has promised to build us a campfire for our beach party, too! She's famed all over the Middle Atlantic States for that, you know! That gal has really made a name for herself within these ten short years. For the past five years, three nights a week she goes to three schools somewhere throughout the country and shows the students just how talented she has become at being able to make a long basketball shot standing at one end of the basketball court and heaving the ball into the other end of the court all because of her physical education training back in the "good ole' days" ten years ago. And in case you are interested she has become a millionaire by doing that alone! So you see what you can do when you put your *mind* to it!

And now, in the latest style of "sky blue pink" *shoes, Ginger Borgman* steps into our '59 reunion, too. She says her children were really difficult to leave because they are such little "pesks!" She's still just as petite and pretty with her short, wavy blond hair. And do you know, she's as bad with *18* pairs of eyeglasses (since she's

none other than the United States' famed Dr. Opto Borgman) as Anne Dennis Wood is with her *18* pairs of shoes. Ginger says in the evenings when she has little or nothing to do, she experiments with dendrites, axons, and neurons and is now well on the road to making mechanical nervous systems which can either work in parts or as a whole! She claims it will be very valuable when it is allowed to go on the market to be sold. Just think! If you're told you don't have enough life (or nerves) in you, just buy some and take it 3 times a day in a glas full of H_2O with a little extra hydrogen in it!

With bundles of papers under *Nupie Baumann's* arm, she crosses the threshold of Ocean City's Senior abode. Yes, Siree! She's a busy congresswoman now. (Incidentally, there are rumors I hear of her running as president in the next election, but don't mention it!) She, unlike Anne and Francie, has not made up her mind as to whether she will take to domestic life or not. As another extra curricular activity, Nupie is teaching *Lord Byron Literature*. She has been trying to encourage all of us to come and join the class but odd as it may seem there is a general reply of, "I remember when I was at school in '49 and as we have it here I'd rather not join your class in that fashion!" But that's all right, Nupie, "the race of life becomes a hopeless flight to those that walk in darkness!"

"Down on the banks of the blue St. Mary's!" Oh, golly! That must be *Rachel Early*. It is! I've just heard Ginger ask her what she's doing with that immense book bag. "Why," says Rachel, "it's full of Erlinmeyer and Florence flasks, test tubes, thistle tubes, a bunsen burner, deflagrating spoons, blue and pink litmus paper, and oh, yes! evaporating dishes and a mortar and pestle to cook all our meals in for our stay here! And, I would like to tell you all, Ernie and I have worked out and simplified to high school level Einstein's theory of Relativity! She, too, has an extra curricular activity; that is, on the side she cleans slides and films for movie houses, types term papers for the students in Baltimore City, and supervises the production of all "Shmoos" sold on the market since she is very attached to them! Tomi and Rachel are still almost inseparable.

Yes, that's right, and to prove it, here comes *Tomi Thomas* with Navy medals and ribbons from head to toe! We all can tell that Gordon must be doing wonderfully in his career. Tomi, what is that shining gold pin with 493½ engraved on it? Oh, that's wonderful, and I'll bet it wasn't easy to Christianize all those people! Tomi is a social worker. Just as President Wilson had his famous 14 Points, so Tomi has established her famous 13 Points, using each Senior as an example for the rest of the world showing them, *through us*, the right way to live with one's neighbor harmoniously.

And now, in the distance is heard, "Now, boys, all of you! Give me that football at once! You're to behave yourselves sitting here on the front steps until I call you!" "Golly," says Nupi to our sweet eensy-weensy *Trish Hayward*, "you did have that football team, after all! And how's "Greasy Jack Murphy"? I hear your boys are all going to J. H. U. to study *French!* By the way did you know Trish is the one person in the entire universe who can type 250½ words a minute? Now, that's a record, I want to tell you!

Why somebody's crawling up the walk on her hands and knees! Bless her heart! It's *Betty Anne Smith Rayfield!* Now, that's class spirit for you! She was in her trusty canoe paddling all the way to Panama to see her Ray but when she found (by way of an albatross) that her Senior Class was having a reunion she paddled manually all the way back again! She's so happy with Ray and just loves Navy life. By golly, she's another one that has made a world record! Betty Anne can knit or pearl 100 stitches in 22¾ seconds. We are so proud of you! How many blankets did you say you knitted per day? Did you all get that number? *FOUR?* And I forgot to mention two honorary guests at our reunion, *Vorma Lee Mason Tull* and her husband, Jim a (double feature showing love and happiness at its utmost!)

Well, everybody's here and we can really begin talking over "old times." But then Emily, our little "champ," exclaims, "Is it a hurricane coming up? Is it a bird? Is it an airplane? Or is it—just as I thought, here comes *Beth Early!* Late as usual!" Yes, and she's still pondering between New York and Delaware (one side's definitely weakening though!) And do you know she didn't either *take* or *have* time to take her shining white nurse's uniform off before she left to come! So you see, though we "had to look at books" and though we didn't all "have the looks," we're *still* the Senior Class of 1949 that shines and shines.

Sophomores

OLIVENE TAFT, *President* "Lynn"

"Let's have an Utopia
Free from worry, free from care."

Class President 2
Glee Club 1, 2
Varsity Hockey 2
Commercial Club 1
Aquacade 1
Samadra 1
Castellan 2
May Princess 1
Apple Blossom Princess 2

Since we have brains and sports represented in our class, it just wouldn't be fitting not to have beauty. Olivene, a pert brunette, furnished us with the last requisite. A friend to all, she served as president of the Sophomore Class, which received excellent guidance from her. After graduating from the high school division of St. Mary's, Olivene would like to be a photographer's model and attend college at the same time. Good luck, we know you'll make it.

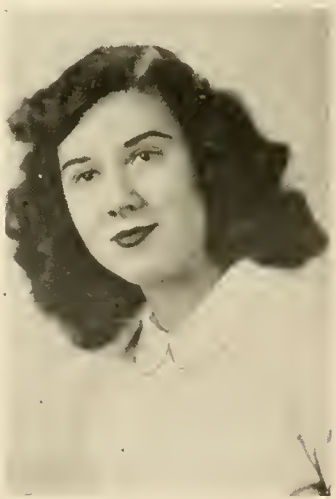
GERTRUDE HORSMON, *Vice-President* "Bert"

"Hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball,
That's our Sophomore athlete,
She's tops in all!"

Class Sec't 1
Class Vice-Pres. 2
Glee Club 1, 2
Varsity Basketball 1, 2
Varsity Hockey 1, 2
Varsity Volleyball 1
Varsity Softball 1, 2
Commercial Club 1
Samadra 1
Paper 1, 2
Castellan 1, 2
Panel Board 2

You see a cute vivacious Soph over in the gym or running down the hockey field—bringing endless victories to our famed Sophomore Class. And who could it be? Why, of course, it's Bert Horsmon! Being captain of all the seasonal sports, Bert has really earned her position by her great athletic ability. Her talents, however, do not cease with athletics. Her humor was brought forth in the Christmas play she helped compose; it was enjoyed by all.

Her current college plans center around the Seminary, and S.M.S. will be looking forward to seeing her next year.

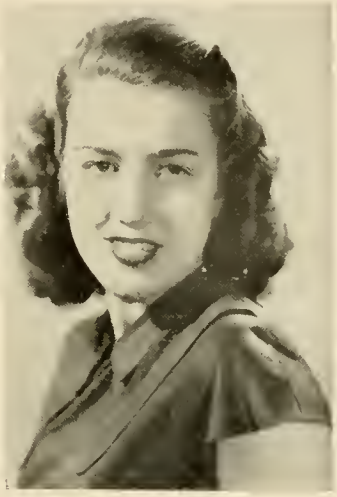


ELIZABETH CARROLL CHANDLER "Bunky"

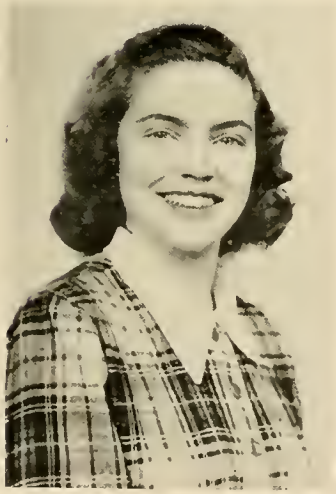
Secretary

"Not by years, but by disposition is wisdom acquired."

Class Sec't 2
Glee Club 2
Jr. Varsity Hockey 2
Jr. Varsity Volleyball 1
Jr. Varsity Basketball 2
Commercial Club 1, 2
Home Ec. Club 1, 2
Paper 1, 2
Social Relations Comm. 2
Samadra 1
Castellan 2
May Princess 2



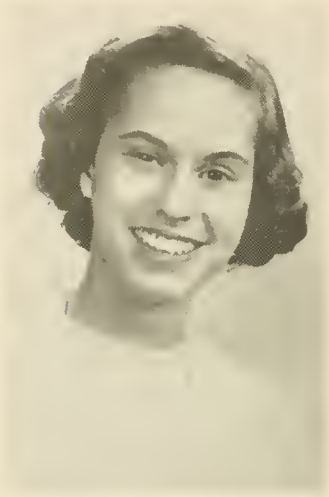
One of the most efficient typists at the Seminary, Betty can always be counted upon for help with those last-minute typing assignments. This sweet little Eastern Shore lass is very dependable in other matters, too. Her favorite pastimes are reading, dancing, and sports. Betty has proven herself an asset to her class. She is well liked by all her classmates, and her ready smile and good-natured disposition will always keep her right up there on top.



BETSY GENE PARLETT, *Treasurer* "Pete"

"Friends depart, and memory takes them
To her caverns, pure and deep."

Lovable "Pete," with her infectious laughter ringing out often in the halls, is one of our gay members. Her sound advice and fine character have won our respect wholeheartedly. She plans to attend college here majoring in liberal arts. We know she will succeed in whatever follows college because of her obvious success at St. Mary's.



ANN BLACKWELL "Andy"

"Co-operation is the essence of success"

Glee Club 2
Varsity Basketball 2 (time)
Varsity Hockey 2 (score)
Samadra 2
Party Planning 2
Paper 2
Castellan 2

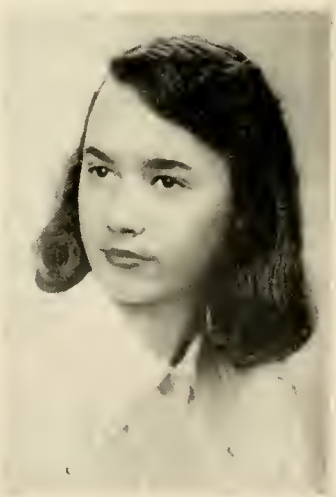
Though this is her first year with us, Andy in her quiet way has added a great deal to our class. She is always ready to help any way she can and still be in the midst of all the fun. Whether she is drawing for the school paper or making a neat dress or blouse in Home Economics, her creative mind and fingers always bring about a prized product. Her patience and friendly personality alone will make Andy a success wherever she goes. Her return to St. Mary's next year will be welcomed by all.

GAY BLACKWELL "Gay"

"Live and let live."

Glee Club 2
Jr. Varsity Hockey 2
Samadra 2

Gay, who is as vibrant as her name, joined the ranks of the Sophomores as of this year. She aspires to be a nurse after graduating from the high school division of the Seminary. We're sure that with her ever helpful attitude, Gay will prove to be a good nurse. We wonder if she has an ulterior motive in her career. Maybe she just wants to be the perfect little mother. How about it, Gay?

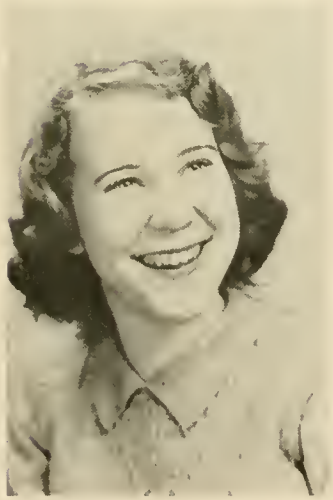


NORMA LOU BREWSTER "Brew"

"Live, love, and learn, for who knows what tomorrow may bring."

Student Council 2
Glee Club 1, 2
Samadra 1
French Club 1
Assembly Comm. 2
King's Daughters Comm. 1
A. A. Board 2
Castellan 2

Brew's beaming again! We're betting that the Eastern Shore mail was heavy today. All the Sem-Fems know about that guy named Jack back in St. Michaels. We think he's very lucky in having a gal like Brew for a steady. This Sem-Fem has shown us that she knows how to combine scholastics with a well-rounded social life. A conscientious student—a loyal friend—a credit to S.M.S.—that's our Brew.



BETSY BRISCOE "Ricoe"

"Loads of fun and sweet as can be."

Cheerleader 1, 2
Jr. Varsity Hockey 2
Samadra 2
Jr. Varsity Volleyball 1
Home Ec. Club 1, 2
A. A. Board 2
Glee Club 1, 2

Who's the gal with the cute grin on her face? You guessed right. It's Betsy! Whether she's cheering her heart out for the St. Mary's team or making friends at Maryland U., she's full of vim, vigor, and vitality. However, she never loses that calmness that will be such a great asset in her nurse's training. Luck to you, Betsy; judging from your past, a good future is in store.

CATHERINE DALLAM "Kitty"

"Powder your face with sunshine and smile, smile, smile."

Student Council 1
Court 1
Glee Club 1, 2
Samadra 1, 2
Artist and Lecture Comm. 2
French Club 1

Kitty Dallam, our vivacious blonde, is determined that her constant work at the typewriter shall not be in vain. She's going to business college and enter the business world to make some person a very capable secretary. Kitty has proven to the class that you can have talent hidden under what appears to be a very subtle countenance. In her Sophomore year she took lessons and began to cultivate a very lovely voice. We know that wherever she goes her sunny smile will carry her through to success.

ELSIE DAVIS "Elsie"

"A ray of sunshine is a gleam of hope."

If you happened to be walking down the hall of the Seminary and heard a voice crying, "Yea, Navy!" there would be little doubt as to the identity of that voice. It's the girl with the dimples and the big broad smile, a description which the Sem-Fems feel could only fit Elsie. Although she didn't come to the Seminary until the second semester of this year, she lost no time in gaining the reputation of being a true friend to all. Elsie, being a Navy junior, isn't sure where she'll be next year, but she thinks her destination will be California. Wherever she goes we know her radiant smile and warm personality will carry her through to success.

BARBARA ANN GRAY "Bobbie"

"Everlasting giggle and a lovely face."

Glee Club 1
Varsity Volleyball 1
French Club 1
Social Calendar Comm. 1
A. A. Board 1, 2
May Day 1
Jr. Varsity Softball
Samadra 1, 2

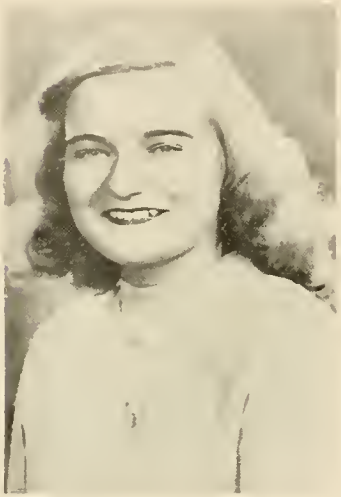
Here comes Barbara, down the hall laughing and rolling those big hazel eyes. There's never a dull moment when she's around. Her wit and friendliness go together to make her one of the sweetest in the class. Everyone is going to miss you oodles next year, Bobbie, but never will you be forgotten.

CAROLYN JACKSON "Jackie"

"Life is a dream
Sprinkled with men."

Glee Club 1, 2
Commercial Club 1, 2
Samadra 1, 2
Paper 1, 2
Castellan 2
Panel Board 2

The Sophomore Class is well represented with out-of-state girls. From the Hoosier State we have Carolyn Jackson. This cute brunette is stage struck, but she has decided not to choose an acting career, since it often ends in so many disappointments. Indiana University is her destination for her next few years of college. She wants to major in Journalism and become a fashion editor. We know that a gal overbrimming with as much talent as "Jackie" just couldn't miss.



YOLANDA KAISER "GINKS"

"Every cloud must have a silver lining."

Glee Club 1, 2
Jr. Varsity Hockey 2
Home Ec. Club 1, 2
Samadra 2

A glimpse into Ginks' room will soon tell you what the love of her life is. Everywhere one sees pictures of beautiful horses. Perhaps this is only natural since she is a true farm girl. Summer vacations find Ginks at her father's farm living the rugged life, but she tells us she is wild about it! Besides her farm experience, Ginks can tell you many interesting things about life in Mexico, where she lived for two years. Although her plans for the future are indefinite, there is a possibility that she may return to S.M.S. next year. Whatever you decide, Ginks, here's wishing you lots of luck. You deserve the best!

EMILY JEAN MORRIS "Jean"

"Paradise and the Eastern Shore are one!"

Jr. Varsity Volleyball 1
Jr. Varsity Hockey 2
Jr. Varsity Softball 1
Social Relations Comm. 2
Commercial Club 1, 2
Samadra 1, 2
Paper 1, 2
Castellan 1, 2

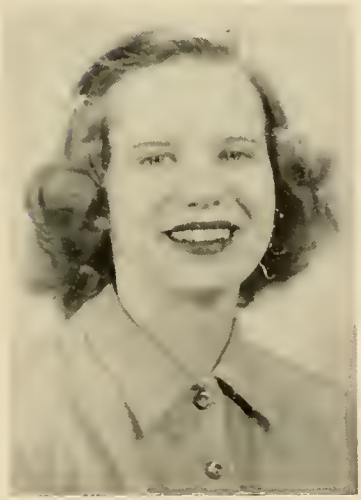
From Salisbury hails that ever-spirited Sem-Fem who is always ready to help a Soph in need. When it comes to a goal-keeper in field hockey, she can't be beat. Her ambitious attitude makes her shine in commercial studies. She intends to continue at the Seminary, where she will be a Home Economics major. A brief glimpse of Jean's life at the Seminary shows us that she possesses a magnetic personality and a mischievous mind which go together to make her a wonderful person to know.

ELEANOR PALMER "Ellie"

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference!"

Glee Club 1, 2
Samadra 1, 2
French Club 1, 2
Paper 2
Castellan 2

Ellie's unique personality is almost hidden by her quiet ways. She's always ready to lend a helping hand—whether to whip up a play for the class or to complete what some would consider the impossible. Her loyalty to St. Mary's will be further displayed by her return next year as a liberal arts student. You will be successful in whatever you attempt; so, good luck, Ellie!

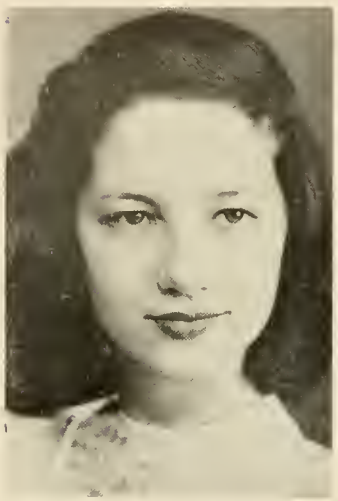


MARY LOU PINDER "Pin"

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

Varsity Basketball 2
Varsity Hockey 2
French Club 1
Paper 1, 2
Jr. Varsity Hockey 1

"Pin," with a rollicking laugh and subtle sense of humor, has added many gay memories to our class history. She's short, blonde, and excels in hockey and basketball. She intends to put this ability to good use as a Physical Education major. Through her shining personality, she has made many lasting friends. She will be remembered in the hearts of her classmates as a true and worthy Sem-Fem.



BARBARA POLLACK "Barb"

"She danced herself through life."

Cheerleader 2
Samadra 2

Carefree, friendly, and cute describes this gal from the mountains of Oakland. Although she has only been with our class for one year, her talents and friendship have readily been welcomed by all. She enjoys literature, swimming and above all, dancing. Barb's devilish pranks and habit of quoting others makes her the life of any party. After two additional years at the Seminary, Barb intends to become a dancing teacher. With her light heart and dancing feet, this petite brunette will reach the top.

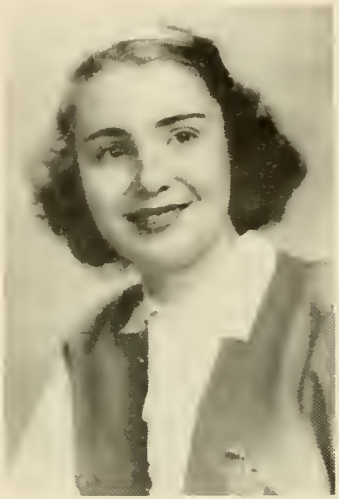
CARROLL ELIZABETH PROUTT "T.L."

"Intelligence put to good use, calm that is never ruffled, a sense of humor always ready."

Samadra 1, 2 *Castellan* 1
French Club 1
Paper 1, 2

Beth is our peppy redhead who is always up to the minute on her reading and current events. Her fondness of turtles, Canada, and Pat Flowers' Rythym Boys show us her contrasting nature. Her favorite pastimes are explaining her detest for math and convincing us that Detroit is close to heaven. Beth's near future will be spent at the Seminary preparing to become a commercial artist. Beth's jovial character and fine artistic ability will never be forgotten.

BETTY LA RUE RESH "Rue"



"Remember this—that very little is needed to make a happy life."

Class Pres. 1
Student Council 1, 2
Samadra 1
French Club 1
King's Daughter's Comm. 2
Social Calendar 2
A. A. Board 2
Artist and Lecture Comm. 1
May Princess 2

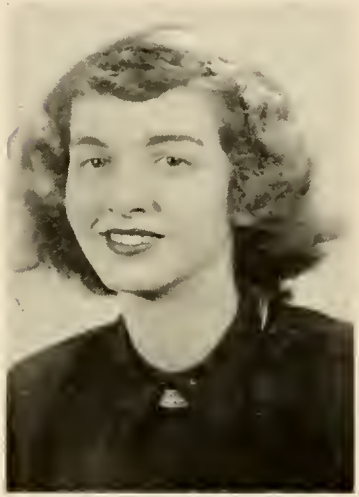
"Rue" is a lovable lass who has contributed a great deal to the functions and activities at St. Mary's. Many people, before too many years have passed, will come into contact with her patience and lingering cheerfulness because she intends to enter the field of nursing. Her skill and knowledge in science and her interest in people will make certain her success with her career.

BEVERLY SEWELL "Bev"

"Be calm, don't get excited.
It's bound to happen. It's fate!"

Samadra 2
Castellan 2

Beverly Sewell, the lively brownette that entered our class in '48, is the quiet, demure gal of the class. Always helpful, Beverly soon made many friends. She also proved that studying puts one on the honor roll. She excels in Sociology and would like to continue her education in that field, although everything points toward a business world for her. She plans on attending St. Mary's for the next two years, after which she will go into secretarial work. How could she help but succeed? It's fate.



GRACE THADA "Gracie"

"Oh, you flavor everything; you are the vanilla of society."

Glee Club 1
Aquacade 1
Samadra 1
A. A. Board 2
Paper 2

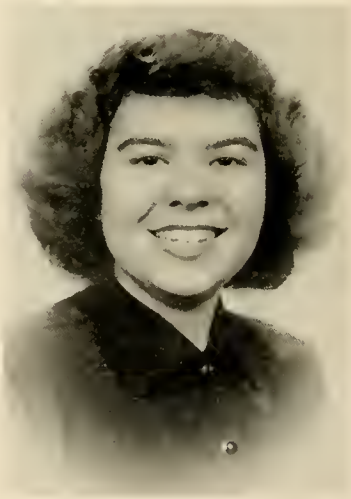
"Gracie," fun-loving, ever-smiling, is the life of every party. No one could ever forget her sparkling personality and friendliness. We know she will make friends at American University, majoring in liberal arts, as she has here.

JUNE LORRAINE WEINER "Junebug"

"Is my best good enough?"

Samadra 1, 2
Paper 1, 2
French Club 1, 2, Vice-Pres. 2
Castellan 1, 2
Social Relations

Let me introduce you to the lawyer of our class. Maybe we'd better add that she doesn't have her degree yet, but only a few years of college stand in the way. With June's intelligence and determination, that isn't a great obstacle at all. In her two years at the Seminary she has won an academic standing worthy of the highest praise. Her classmates know her for what she is—a dependable and loyal Soph, destined to go places!



Sophomore Superlatives

Most Typical Sem Fem.....Gertrude Horsmon

Most Popular.....Olivene Taft

Contributed Most to the School.....Elisabeth Parlett

Most Poised.....Olivene Taft

Best Dressed.....Olivene Taft

Most Vivacious.....Gertrude Horsmon

Most Diplomatic.....Elisabeth Parlett

Most Studious.....Beverly Sewell

Best Dancer.....Barbara Pollock

Most Likely To Succeed.....June Weiner

Most Creative.....Beth Proutt

Prettiest.....Olivene Taft

Most Industrious.....Jean Morris

Best Figure.....Betty Chandler

Most Athletic.....Gertrude Horsmon

Best Sense of Humor.....Elisabeth Parlett

Most Versatile.....Gertrude Horsmon

Most Musical.....June Weiner

Most Courteous.....Betty Resh

Best Personality.....Olivene Taft

Best Groomed Hair.....Barbara Pollock

Most Mischievous.....Mary Lou Pinder

Most Sincere.....Eleanor Palmer

Best Actress.....Carolyn Jackson

Sophomore Class History

By Eleanor Palmer; Emily Jean Morris

The Sophomores aren't the most talked about girls in school for nothing! We are in on everything at St. Mary's and we feel a marked responsibility and love toward our school. But it took time, even for us, to get used to it!

Twenty little Freshmen, we came to St. Mary's on September 7, 1947. We remember being introduced to our roommates and Big Sisters, and feeling *so* new! We registered, being sold on certain weird courses such as chemistry. At the pajama party that night we were exposed to each other and to "Temptation." We went to bed thinking of new friends and feeling a little less homesick.

The freshmen duly elected Betty Resh class president. Tilla Pardini became vice president, Gertrude Horsmon, secretary, and Jean Burkes, treasurer. Our efficient class officers, coupled with Miss White, who piloted us through the year as class sponsor, helped us become the enthusiastic, school-spirited group that we are.

"Make Mine Music" was the theme that put us all in the mood to enjoy the first school dance of the year. It was the Fall Prom, given by the AA, and our class will never forget it.

As Freshmen, we made some contributions ourselves! At the Christmas banquet, Jean Morris and Charlotte Stanton gave a dialogue about the spirit of Christmas. The whole class took part in the candle-light service given for King's Daughters. Our other King's Daughters program brought forth the significance of the Cross in a short play. The timely assembly program we gave in January made the school Polio conscious when we discussed the history, purpose and accomplishments of the March of Dimes.

The "lowest classmen" were well represented in the three one-act plays given by Samadra in November. The lead in "At the Junction" was capably handled by Betty Resh. Kitty Dallam, June Weiner and Beth Proutt were cute in their character parts in "Home to Mother." They were well-cast! The same was said for Jean Morris and Jewel Meagher, who together stole the show in "So Wonderful in White."

One of our most noteworthy Freshmen projects was our exclusive informal dance, given in January and held in an enclosed half of the gym. The decorations, carrying out theme of "Dance, Ballerina, Dance" gave evidence of the creative ability and resourcefulness which abounded in the Freshmen Class. Charlotte Hall, the Naval Base, and certain boys from *Home* helped to make the dance a success.

Exams, following hard upon, took their toll of Freshmen vitality, but Carolyn Jackson, Yolanda Kaiser, and Alice Thompson arrived to strengthen the ranks for the new semester.

Sports! The Freshmen had their hearts in every game, whether it was hockey, volleyball, tennis, or a quick hand of bridge with Thada in the smoker. We held our own among the other classes, as witness Gertrude Horsmon, who made varsity basketball. She, Mary Lou Pinder, and Amie Southall were a fast trio of forwards on the class team, with Betty Chandler, Carolyn Jackson, Yolanda Kaiser and Lou Brewster guarding the other basket.

Oh, Thomas C-a-r-l-i-s-l-e! Gertrude Horsmon and Amie Southall were elected to read a story each, of their own choice, in the annual Speech Arts contest. We regretted that Dorothy Parker's "The Little Hours" was too long, but we were proud of our raconteurs nevertheless.

We had a poet and two song-writers in our midst, as we learned when Olivene Taft's poem was accepted for the National Poetry Anthology, and when Jewel and Bert wrote our class song.

The Freshmen and the rest of the school conquered Spring Fever in order to plunge into preparations for May Day, the highspot of the year at St. Mary's. We helped paint backdrops illustrating the Foxhunt theme, and Barbara Gray rehearsed her part as hunt master in the excellent modern dance presentation. When rainy May 1 arrived, we proudly watched Olivene Taft, the prettiest princess in the May Court, walk *in a straight line* to her seat.

Dressed in white, we attended the AA banquet and shared in the pleasure of those who received athletic awards-including, of course, the recognition given to Lou Brewster and Charlotte Stanton, who had piled up a fantastic number of walking points. We also shared Miss France's sorrow on leaving St. Mary's after twenty-five years of active service. As we listened to her talk about her experiences here, we realized that we were on the brink of two eras at St. Mary's, one to gain inspiration and support from the other.

Graduation wasn't for the Freshmen, but we took a vicarious interest in it, and drew a considerable number of honors. June Weiner and Jewel Meagher were mentioned as having the two highest scholastic records in our class. Betty Chandler received a typing award, and the shorthand prize went to Carolyn Jackson. The thrill of "Capping" and pride and nostalgia of Baccalaureate and Graduation services still with us, we looked over our shoulders and decided nothing remained to be done at St. Mary's. Thus the Freshmen departed, memories of our wonderful school mingling with happy thoughts for the summer.

Before we knew it, thoughts of the summer were memories, and here we were again, complete with Li'l Sisters, the Thada Rag (sometimes known as 12th Street), and more of last year's Einsteins. We looked forward to an exciting year and many improvements under our new president, Miss Russell, whom we greatly admired from the start. And as for our new faculty—ditto!

We fell into our exalted position as Sophomores easily, with Olivene Taft as class president. In that office, Olivene has since proven herself, to borrow a term, "terrific!" Gertrude Horsmon, vice-president, Betty Chandler, secretary, and Betsy Parlett, treasurer, our other officers, have also been on the ball with week-end meetings, minutes, and class funds.

We welcomed four new members to the class—Ann Blackwell, Barbara Pollock, Gay Blackwell, and Beverly Sewell. Ann gave a clever monologue at the new girls' program, and our talented Barbara tap-danced. Beverly, at the AA picnic, gave a moving performance in the title role of "Who Killed Cock Robin," our nursery rhyme skit.

The new year under way, we distinguished ourselves early by winning the hockey tournament. Our sports enthusiasts, Bert Horsmon, Mary Lou Pinder, and Pete Parlett kept the Sophs in the limelight with their playing on varsity basketball. With the same class team as before, we took second place in the intramural games, after beating the Juniors 24-21. The cheerleaders, bigger and better this year, boasted two cute Sophomores, Barbara Pollock and Betsy Briscoe.

An important date to the school at large was October 2, Miss Russell's birthday. For us, the date held a double meaning; it was also Miss Noland's birthday, and we celebrated twice as much as the rest of the school. Miss Noland, as the Sophomores proudly tell, is our ingenious sponsor!

A triumph scored! We staunchly fought the battle against outmoded tradition at S.M.S. in the incident of the class rings. Change, desired by the futuristic Soph, was protested by the staid old Seniors, who favored the old style. Victory ultimately fell to the jubilant Sophomores, who now sport good-looking rectangular models, symbolic of a new era at S.M.S.

The Sophomore-Senior bazaar, a project demanding the utmost co-operation between the graduating classes, was a true success; a very good time was had by all. The food and entertainment committees, outdid themselves to make this possible. A high point of the evening was our own Santa Claus, Jean Morris.

Kitty Dallam, perfect in her lavender robes as the Virgin Mary, sang "A Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin" in the Christmas Pageant. June Weiner and Jean Morris helped complete the picture as Wise Men. In the present-day scene, Barbara Pollock represented Russia. Kitty also sang a solo in Miss Gay's program, "Gesu Bambino."

Beth Proutt and Bert Horsmon adapted the story, "A Bird's Christmas Carol" for our skit at the Christmas banquet. Every Sophomore participated, putting on a hilarious, twelve-minute entertainment. Christmas vacation gave us a chance to help spread the season's cheer and renew old acquaintances, and we returned with New Year's resolutions, which in some cases, rewarded us during exams. Sue Ann Meyers, from Houston, joined us at this time.

Miss Clutts gave us TIME tests somewhere in here, and Beth (nose for news) Proutt emerged at the top of the list for the high school floor.

Miss Russell complimented us on the King's Daughters play we put on in February, written by Eleanor Palmer. Encouraged, we decided to improve on it for our March assembly program.

Now, on the last lap before college or careers, we anticipate a busy Spring season leading up to exams—and Graduation. Samadra's "old time mellerdrammer," *Only an Orphan Girl* featured Carolyn Jackson as the scheming widder and June Weiner as the hero's mother. Barbara Pollock was stage manager for the production and Lou Brewster was in charge of lighting.

Softball and swimming are around the corner. With luck and their old batting averages, our home-run kings, Jean Morris and Gertrude Horsmon, should have put us on top for the intramural games. Junior life-saver Gay Blackwell spent every waking moment in the water. (Sure she went to classes. We said *waking* moment.) We saw her and a few other Sophs taking part in the aquacade. Grace Thada, the AA board member in charge of boating, gave boating tests and instructions.

A tradition at S.M.S. is the breathless delay before May Day festivities when the Court, dancers, and onlookers await the arrival of our Apple Blossom representative from Winchester. This year, the first cheers and applause showered on Olivene Taft, who, as our princess at that festival, was Maid of Honor on the May Court. We elected two very attractive Bettys, Betty Resh and Betty Chandler, as our princesses on the court. Barbara Gray conducted modern dance classes for those interested in participating in the May Day program, and she helped arrange the dance, an "underwater ballet."

Still relying on the old maxim, "History repeats itself," we predict no let-up on such customs as rising at the breakfast bell, that "flying leap," mail from Charlotte Hall and a few other places, after-hour congregating, and the bitter feuds in the vicinity of the telephone booth.

All this, and much more will be remembered by every Sophomore long after Graduation. Seated on the stage, stifling and impatient in our gray gowns, we will rise to receive gratefully our diplomas, well-earned symbols of preparation for life *or* higher learning. Feeling more than ever the priceless value of our two years at St. Mary's we will say good-by to teachers, friends, and classmates, some to return as Juniors in the Fall, and some not to be seen again until Alumnae weekend next Spring.

Lots of luck to every one of our classmates!

Sophomore Class Will

We, the Sophomore Class of St. Mary's Seminary, being of sturdy structure and constructive mind, do hereby bequeath in our own fashion our LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

To Saint Mary's Female Seminary we leave a fireman pole to help all late risers to breakfast.

To the Smoker we leave a telephone all its own.

I, Barbara Anne Gray, will my backbending ability to Barbara Gelston; and my long legs to my little sis, Gail Teese.

I, Carroll Elizabeth Proutt, will my Northerner's viewpoint of the Civil War to Lacy Rees; and my love of smooth music and jazz to Barbara Gelston.

I, Elizabeth Gene Parlett, will my sweet Yankee temperament and the $100,000 from my piggy bank to my roommate, Lacy Rees; and my naturally curly hair to Barbara Gelston.

I, Elizabeth Worthington Briscoe, will my business-like manners to Gail Teese; and my Southern-Maryland accent to my little sis, Lacy Rees, to accompany her Mississippi drawl.

I, Ellen Gertrude Horsmon, bequeath my athletic leadership to Dianne Rutan in the hope that she may have as much fun as I did. To Elizabeth Turner, my adopted "li'l sis," I will my lucky 98's in Physics; and to Charlotte Stanton, my part interest in the Great Mills Basketball team.

I, Mary Lou Pinder, will my height to Elizabeth Turner; and my quiet (?) personality to Lacy Rees.

I, Catherine Shaw Dallam, being of questionable mind and intelligence, will the upstairs practice room of the Music Hall on Sundays to Dianne Rutan; to Paloma Castro-Leal, my pictures of Glenn Ford to swoon over every time she looks at them, as I do; and to Joan Bennett, my ability to study (?), especially French!

I, Eleanor Ashman Palmer, leave my attempted self-control at Lawrence Olivier movies for Mary Louise Bratt to be used for the same purpose; and to Catherine Cooksey my ability to "lord" it over any incoming Freshmen of her choice.

I, Catherine Cynthia Jackson, do hereby will my half of our double bed to Barbara Gelston, my roommate. (Naturally!) To Elizabeth Wetherill, I will my little acting ability to add to what she already has; to Joan Bennett, my "bohemian"; and to Alice Thompson, all the Speedway correspondents she can find time to write.

I, Grace Augusta Thada, will to my roommate, Joan Bennett, my vivaciousness and my two little kittens; also, to Alice Thompson, I will my "I Can't Get Started."

I, Yolanda Emily Kaiser, will to my sweet roommate, Alice Thompson, a certain party very closely related to me; to Paloma Castro-Leal my earrings for pierced ears; and to Joan Bennett, my ability to play hockey.

I, Barbara Ann Pollock, will my love for classical music to Barbara Gelston; my love for the mountains to Catherine Cooksey; my waistline (?) to Gail Teese; and my patience with "Yankees" to Lacy Rees.

I, Ann Gordon Blackwell, will my trips to the Infirmary after "lights out" to Catherine Cooksey; and my knack for losing things to Charlotte Stanton.

I, Emily Jean Morris, will my ability to get along with "Tommy" to Catherine Cooksey; my love for the shore and ghost lights to my roommate, Charlotte Stanton (who just loves mountains); and my ability to change my room around to Barbara Gelston.

I, Beverly Sewell, leave my "engagement ring" to Catherine Cooksey; and my ability to remain true to Western Maryland guys to Dianne Rutan.

I, June Lorraine Weiner, will my ability to get to breakfast on time to Mary Louise Bratt; and my music ability to Alice Thompson; and my squirrel jacket to Elizabeth Wetherill.

I, Elizabeth Carroll Chandler, will all my funny experiences and good times at C.H.M.A. to every incoming Sophomore; and my ability to keep men in hand to Dianne Rutan and Paloma Castro-Leal.

I, Olivene Harman Taft, will my French "intelligence" to Elizabeth Turner; to my little sis, Barbara Gelston, my ability to go steady with one fellow.

I, Gay Robertson Blackwell, will my pink sweater to my roommate, Mary Louise Bratt, who has already worn it enough to be able to claim it.

I, Norma Lon Brewster, will all my Saturday night phone calls to my little sis, Elizabeth Wetherill; and my ability to play football to Barbara Gelston.

I, Betty LaRue Resh, would like to will Dianne Rutan my many (?) beaux; and all my *Modern Romance* magazines to Mary Louise Bratt.

In witness whereof, we hereunto subscribe our seal this sixth day of June, 1949, at the city (?) of St. Mary's in the County of St. Mary's in the State of Maryland.

Witnessed by:

PEBBLES

MISTY

Sophomore Class Prophecy

It is the year 1949; the place, St. Mary's Seminary-Junior College, St. Mary's City, Maryland. As is typical of St. Mary's, there is a large group of girls gathered in the sitting room. As we, Gertrude Horsmon, Betty Resh, and Barbara Gray, look closer, we find they are all Sophomores. In their midst we see a dark and colorful figure. Upon inquiring, we discover she is *Madame Zahangaria,* who is predicting the future of each Sophomore of '49. Late as usual, we sit down and join our fellow classmates. The low enchanting voice of *Madame Zahangaria* drifts out over the group:

"In my crystal ball I see the president of the Sophomore Class of 1949, *Olivene Taft,* looking skeptically around a bare room. Aided by a pencil and pad, she jots down quick notes. It seems she is an interior decorator designing for her own house, the Mattingly homestead. The vision fades . . . Ah, I have another one. What is it? I see a ball; no, a bat; no, no. Still a ball. It's *Gertrude ("Bert") Horsmon,* the Vice President of the Sophomore Class. As has always been her desire, she is teaching Physical Education at St. Mary's Junior College. She boasts a state championship basketball team for three years in succession. Again the vision fades. . . . Now there is ice: there is snow . . . endless miles of snow. I see an igloo and two people. Looking more closely, I recognize one as the former *Betty Resh* and the other as John Gitt. Mr. Gitt is serving as a geophysicist, and Mrs. Gitt is nursing Eskimos back to health after a flu epidemic. . . . But now I see a woman clad in white. She is walking up and down a long hall paging the famous pediatrician, Dr. Gray. It is *Elizabeth Briscoe,* now a registered nurse. I hear footsteps and a tall, charming lady enters hurriedly. Giving orders to her subordinates, she passes through a door marked, Private, Dr. *Barbara Gray,* M.D. Also serving under Dr. Gray is the capable nurse, *Gay Blackwell.* . . . Now I see nothing. My crystal ball is blurred. But wait—I can see a crowd of people. I see men, ah, loads of men standing in a circle talking. There seems to be someone else there, someone attracting their attention. I look and—ah ha! . . . it is *Carolyn Jackson,* on vacation and up to her old tricks again. . . . The vision fades but returns very quickly and I see magazines; scores and scores of magazines. There is *Charm, Bazaar, Seventeen, Mademoiselle, Harper's, Vogue, McCall's* and many others. These are all in the collection of *Beth Proutt,* who has at some time in her field of fashion-designing, had experience with all these periodicals. . . . Blotting out the scene, I see a large building. I believe it is Carnegie Hall. On the billboard, I notice the feature attraction is *Catherine Shaw Dallam,* soprano, accompanied by that brilliant young pianist, *June Weiner.* There is a larger crowd present tonight than ever before in the history of Carnegie Hall. . . . The vision is fading and I see a boardwalk of a large ocean resort. It is Ocean City, New Jersey. A tall, dark, broad-shouldered man is leaning towards a short, blonde girl in a two-piece bathing suit. There is such a contrast in heights. The girl is laughing very much—she doesn't seem to be able to stop. Oh, yes! It is *Mary Lou Pinder,* now a swimming instructor at Ocean City. This seems to be one of her leisure moments. . . . I can't see what is happening now. There seems to be something blotting out this scene. I see a petite, pretty dark-haired girl in a pale, blue marquisette ballerina dress. It is almost white. She holds in her arms a bouquet of Talisman roses and is smiling at a clean cut young man beside her. Mrs. E. Townsend Tibbetts, the former Barbara Pollock, has just presented a most inspiring opening performance. Miss Pollock, after years of study, is starring in the beautiful ballet, *Swan Lake.* Seated in the audience I find another graduate of the Sophomore Class of '49. It is *Eleanor Palmer,* who is reviewing Miss Pollock's performance. She has always had a talent for writing and is now a successful newspaperwoman. . . . Now I see a large green pasture surrounded by a newly painted fence. In this field, there are many horses, including the Kentucky Derby winner, Faraway. His owner, *Yolanda Kaiser,* is making horses a business as well as a hobby. . . . Now I see a typewriter with fingers fairly flying over the keys. Glancing up to the face, I recognize *Jean Morris,* still employed as a secretary in her father's wholesale candy business. The vision fades. . . . I see little children. There are lots of little boys and girls sitting quietly (?) in their seats. At the front of the room is *Ann Blackwell,* who is teaching kindergarten in Baltimore. There is a lady walking in the door, now speaking to Miss Blackwell. She is the former *Beverly Sewell,* who has a daughter attending this school. . . . The next scene takes place in the dining room of the Ruark's Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland. There are many people eating dinner and I notice that the waitresses are particularly attractive. For a moment, I failed to recognize one as *Betty Chandler,* another member of the Sophomore Class. Noticing the people there, I see the former *Norma Lou Brewster,* on vacation with her husband, Jack Messick. Lou is a laboratory technician when the Messick household does not require her complete attention.

Glancing through the window I see a new Ford swiftly advancing down the street. The top is made almost entirely of glass, there are only three wheels and the body is very low to the ground. Driving it is *Elisabeth Parlett.* The strong relationship between father and daughter has made her part owner of Parlett-Ford Motor Company, Ellicott City, Maryland. The scene fades out . . . I see a lovely white mansion with a sparkling blue river in the background. A smart, slim lady in riding outfit walks toward the modern stables. It is *Grace Thada,* now mistress of the *Charles Place,* Charles County, Maryland. . . . Everything seems to black out now. But you can see the Sophomores of '49 are all a success. They all are carrying on the good work begun at St. Mary's."

Yes, *Madame Zahangaria* is right. This class can always be remembered for its members' individual achievements; but more so, for the great spirit of cooperation which made for outstanding group achievements in their two years at St. Mary's.

(*Back*) Wetherill, Turner, Rutan, Bratt (*Second*) Gelston, Rees, Thompson, Bennett (*First*) Cooksey, Teese, Stanton

Freshmen Class

"Quality, not quantity" might well be the motto of this year's freshmen class, for the membership totals a meager twelve.

Starting out new and small, the green freshmen have participated in each and every activity. Although in intramural hockey and basketball they have taken fourth place, it cannot be said that the freshmen were not in there fighting all the way. The hockey team was composed of Stanton, Rees, Castro-Leal, Wetherill, Rutan, Cooksey, Bratt, Geltson, and Turner, with Joan Michael a very capable and spirited captain. On the basketball team, Bratt, Teese, and Turner served as forwards, Stanton, Wetherill, Cooksey, and Reese were guards. Dianne Rutan, one of the school's outstanding guards, was the captain.

On the varsity basketball team, Dianne Rutan and Charlotte Stanton have shown their abilities and undoubtedly other freshmen will turn up on the varsities of the spring sports.

In the Samadra Club's fall production "Ladies in Retirement," there were four representatives from the Freshmen Class—Betsy Wetherill, Mary Louise Bratt, Bobbie Gelston, and Betty Turner. "Only An Orphan Girl" had two Freshmen, Lacy Rees and Betsy Wetherill, performing.

For the first semester Joan Michael was the president of the Freshmen Class. Charlotte Stanton, the vice president, took over in February. Other officers are: Secretary, Alice Thompson; Treasurer, Lacy Rees; Historians, Gail Teese and Betty Turner. The class sponsor is Miss Bernice Gay, director of the music department.

The Freshmen skits, such as the "Look to This Day" skit by Joan Michael, given at the Christmas banquet, plus the "Truth or You've Had It" assembly by Gail Teese and Betty Turner, prove that when given opportunities the freshmen class will show their stuff, which is top-merit. "Look to This Day" proved that the class has a serious as well as a humorous side, the latter of which was well illustrated by the Murphy's Mellow Mush Juice "Truth or You've Had It" program.

To be their princess in the May Day Festivities, the Freshmen Class elected Catherine Cooksey, a praiseworthy representative.

We hope that next year the Freshmen Class will continue on in the direction toward which the present class has been striving in this year, 1948-49.

(*Standing*) Stone, Munson, Parks, Robinson, Waesche, Lewis, Mumford, Davis
(*Seated*) Lynch, Rickert, Russell, Dean, Robertson, Claypoole, Wiles
(*Foreground*) Friend, Weaver

Junior Class

With the invaluable aid of our class sponsor, Miss Clutts, and the capable leadership of our president, Laura Jo Muessen, we, the Junior Class, undertook our tasks with confidence and success.

Our first King's Daughters program November 7 consisted of talks on the Bible which proved very informative.

Our Christmas skit, and original play written by our president Laura Jo Muessen, and our secretary Jeraldine Rickert, while not the winner was an excellent one and well portrayed by the class.

Our next program March 9, was an assembly, the idea for which came from a P.-T.A. meeting at the Patuxent Naval Base. The subject being a fairy tale enacted as if by children. It proved a great success.

Now, for the field of sports. In Varsity field hockey, the members representing the Junior Class were, Joyce Busic, Laura Jo Muessen, Jeraldine Rickert, Mary June Robertson, and Norma Weaver. Representing the Juniors in Varsity basketball were Joyce Busic, Laura Jo Muessen, Jeraldine Rickert, Bertha Stone, and Norma Weaver.

Not only did the Junior class excel in sports, but it shows scholastically as well.

Two of our classmates are members of the A.A. Board: Jeraldine Rickert and Mary Jane Wiles. Also, on the S.F.G.A. our very able representatives are Ann Lewis, Mary Lou Mumford, Jo Anne Munson and Jeraldine Rickert.

Juniors to find themselves on the honor roll after first semester were: Ann Lewis, Laura Joe Muessen, Mary Lou Mumford, and Joanne Munson.

May Day! The day that is close to every Sem-Fem, was especially close to Joyce Dawn Busic who repre-

sented the class as Junior May Princess.

The Speech Arts contest was in the form of competitive deliverance of one-act plays.

The event most remembered by the Sem-Fems is a gathering in which all of us are present. It was the traditional party sponsored each year for the Seniors by the Juniors and it was especially enjoyed by all this year.

As the year drew to a close the Juniors made plans for an early arising in order to pick the daisies for the daisy chain which this year formed the numerals 1949.

Upon receiving our caps at graduation from the Seniors, we each resolved to make our Senior year as successful as that of our predecessors.

Activities

Note

It is with regret that I relinquish my post as council president, for I have enjoyed my office. In the year that has elapsed, we have experienced crowded days of counsel and action of vital interest and consequence to each of us. During these ten months at Saint Mary's, our lives have been filled with significant and maturing experiences which were not only supplied by the situation in which we found ourselves, but also by our own ability to show that we were capable of living up to the standards which we created. By mature judgment and comprehensive thought we, as students, have succeeded in surmounting many of the problems which may have thwarted a less cooperative student body.

May I offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation for a fine year, impossible without the effort of everyone, along with my best wishes and good luck to my successor. May she enjoy a year as pleasant!

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CHOIR

(*Back*) Brewster, Lewis, Turner, Parks, Rutan, Turner, Stone, Robinson, Cooksey, Myers, Mumford, Thomas.

(*Second*) Russell, Waesche, Muessen, Dean, Baumann, Dallam, Blackwell, Kaiser, Dixon.

(*First*) Gelston, Briscoe, Parlett, Rees, Weaver, Rickert, Horsmon, Blackwell, Jackson, Wiles.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

(*Standing*) Briscoe, Burnside.

(*Seated*) Kaiser, Thompson, Friend, Smith, Baumann.

FRENCH CLUB

(*Back*) Weiner, Miss Stickney, Thomas, Cooksey Early, Dean.

(*Front*) Rutan, Mumford, Waesche, Rees, Dennis, Weaver.

SAMADRA AT WORK

(*Left to Right*) Waesche, Brewster, Lewis, Rees, Pollock, Weaver, Busic.

The Student-Faculty Government Association

Since 1940 the Student-Faculty Government Association has been functioning at St. Mary's Seminary. The students are represented by members of each class with faculty members as their advisors.

Weekly meetings are held by the Council during which the questions and problems arising from the student body are presented and discussed. Held monthly are the Student-Faculty Government Association meetings. The whole student body attends, discussing and making suggestions concerning the current problems.

Miss Louise K. Rotha and Miss Betty C. Clutts, wisely and capably advising the council, have had the willing assistance of the following representatives throughout the year: Carolyn Baumann, president; Sally Turner, vice-president; Elizabeth Thomas and Emily Manlove from the Senior Class; Jeraldine Rickert, secretary; Joann Munson, treasurer; Mary Lou Mumford and Ann Lewis from the Junior Class; Elizabeth Parlett, spokesman; Betty Resh and Norma Lou Brewster from the Sophomore Class; Betty Turner and Lacy Rees from the Freshman Class; and from the student court, which consists of members of the student body and faculty who democratically discuss and vote upon the possibility of demerit due to misdemeanor, are Patricia Hayward and Virginia Borgman.

The main social function of the council is the presentation of the May Dance. Ideas and suggestions are gratefully accepted from the Student Body from which the Council plans the dance.

Several parties are given throughout the year for the Council members. A welcome to the new members at the beginning of the year, a Christmas party, and a party at the end of the year. These are all looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests.

Acting as a single unit, this organization enables St. Mary's to offer a happy, democratic way of living to all of its students; those who serve directly and those who help through daily cooperation.

Samadra

Samadra! That magic word spells enchantment and entertainment for all when the opening night of a production arrives.

November 19 and 20 are never the to be forgotten dates of the first production this year, *Ladies In Retirement,* written by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham. The cast included Betsy Wetherill, Bertha Stone, Betty Turner, Laura Jo Muessen, Barbara Gelston, Eleanor Palmer, Mary Louise Bratt and Frances Frazer. The slightly British accent which seemingly took the "run" of the play gave it just the right flavor. Also deserving are those girls who were not actually seen before the footlights. The "crew" through their untiring efforts, put up a set which actually made one feel as if she were right in that living room of an old home in the Marshes of the Thames.

Second Semester was spent busily preparing for *Only An Orphan Girl,* a melodrama by Henning Nelms, which proved to be a most hilarious production. Between acts everyone had a good laugh at the Barbershop Quartet of Grandpop's day and enjoyed the good "ole fashion" community sing.

Other activities of the club included the open house at the beginning of the year, during which phases of the dramatic field were portrayed and delightful refreshments were served.

The club, ably led this year by Mary Beth Early, President, and Miss Reinbold, as faculty advisor, has also entertained at King's Daughters and assembly programs.

Assisting Miss Reinbold and Mary Beth with Samadra this year were:

Virginia Borgman.....Vice-President
Kitty Shaw Dallam.....Secretary
Mary Lou Mumford.....Treasurer
Jarvis Claypoole.....Custodian

Fun, good fellowship, and hard work are behind every Samadra activity and each member agrees that she will never forget the pleasant hours spent in the "theater."

French Club

To acquire knowledge about the French people, their customs, and their language, one may become a member of the French Club. The membership of the club is not limited to French students only, but anyone interested in learning the different phases of French life, also being provided with a means of recreation. Part of the club's finances are furnished by the school's activities fee. Special projects, such as some form of entertainment of the student body, may be given to afford extra funds that may be needed.

The club is responsible for an assembly program, this year presenting a French movie, *Les Miserables,* which was enjoyed by the entire student body. The big project of the year was a French festival on April Fool's Day. It was conducted in the manner of a country fair, exhibiting the customs of the French.

Presiding over the club this year was Elizabeth Thomas who made a very capable president. Assisting her were June Weiner, Vice-President, and Rachel Early, Secretary-Treasurer. I am sure that in later life many of the members will have the opportunity of displaying the valuable knowledge gained from membership in the French Club.

The Home Economics Club

The Home Economics Club is one of the many organizations at St. Mary's. All girls taking any Home Economics course may join this club. New members are taken in every year and officers are elected at this time. This year Virginia Burnside is the president; and other officers include Barbara Friend, vice-president, Betty Ann Smith, treasurer, and Mary Lee Witzke, secretary.

Within the year, the club has sponsored several entertainments for the student body. In the fall the club gave a hot dog and oyster roast with all the trimmings. This picnic was held on the bank near the Home Economics Cottage and was a big success. The Home Economics Club sponsored a masquerade square dance for Hallowe'en in the recreation room. The room was gaily decorated with orange and black crepe paper, colored leaves, and Hallowe'en cut-outs on the walls. Everyone had an exciting time bobbing for apples, dancing, and laughing at the unusual costumes. Dolores Parks and Ann Lewis as Indian Squaws, won the prize for being the best dressed. In the Spring the club sponsored more picnics for the school. There was a Fashion Show given by the sewing class and a Tea, on May 8, given by the cooking class.

This year the club plans to leave to the sewing room at the Home Economics Cottage some equipment which is greatly needed.

All the members of the Home Economics Club at St. Mary's show interest and enjoyment in the work and activities of the organization. It is evident that the Home Economics Club has contributed a great deal to the school spirit of St. Mary's Seminary.

The Life Line of S. M. S.

Though the number of meetings held in the course of a week is a standing joke around St. Mary's, no girl minimizes the importance of any one of them. She fully realizes that at these meetings the course of her life here is planned. The committees which meet form for the students a true basis for a well-rounded social life. All of the committees are of major importance and each could not function without the full cooperation and support of each student. Since these social planning organizations are all important, and since each has its own particular function, it is necessary that none of the activities of our committees interfere with each other. To prevent this happening a Social Calendar is set up for the purpose of scheduling all social events connected with the Seminary in any way. The committee which organizes the Social Calendar is sponsored by Miss Russell and has as its chairman Carolyn Baumann. Other functions which this committee performs include giving informal dances, teas, and entertainment on Friday nights.

One of the very important series of events scheduled on the Social Calendar is the Artist and Lecture Series. These programs present various types of professional entertainment, including singers, pianists, violinists, actors, and other forms of cultural entertainment which the school feels is beneficial to the students. The committee in charge of the Artist and Lecture Programs selects the performers and carries out all other duties necessary to make the program complete. These duties include consulting the selected artists, setting the date, printing the programs, and selecting ushers for the night of the performance. The sponsor of this commit-

tee is Miss Gay, assisted by Miss Clutts and Miss Reinbold.

Another form of cultural education at St. Mary's are the King's Daughter's programs held on Sunday evening at 7:00. These programs are usually of a spiritual nature, sometimes presenting a guest speaker or sponsored by individual groups of students. The duties of the King's Daughter's Committee is to obtain these guest speakers and to inform the various clubs and classes when they are to present their program. Faculty sponsor of this committee is Miss North. The student chairman is Elizabeth Thomas.

A feature of the seminary concerned with student participation is the weekly assembly. Each individual student group is responsible for at least one assembly a year. A committee, sponsored by Miss Stickney and this year headed by Rachel Early, also serves to notify these groups when they are to prepare an assembly program. Debates, skits, recitals, or other types of programs may be planned for this time.

The Orientation Committee is very important to the students here at the Seminary. The duties of this organization are primarily to entertain the new incoming girls and provide for them activities and social functions which will help them to know their school and become better adjusted. The chairman of the committee obtains the names and addresses of all the new girls and distributes these among the members of the committee, who, in turn, write to the girls and tell them about the school. The girls on this committee return to school early to plan activities for the incoming students and to see that they are supplied with a hand book, a name tag and the name of their big sister. In general, the function of this committee is to make the girls feel at home and a part of the school.

The Library Committee has been recently instituted. Its duty is to furnish junior librarians to open the library at designated times over the weekends. The sponsor of this committee is Mrs. Manson, the chairman. Emily Manlove.

These organizations serve the students at St. Mary's Seminary in helping to bring them the well-rounded program that they need.

The St. Mary's Choir

One of the most important organizations on the campus is the St. Mary's Choir. Miss Bernice Gay served as the director with Sally Turner assisting as student director and Bertha Stone as accompanist. This year, black choir robes, with white collars and yellow stoles, were purchased by the school to be rented annually by choir members.

The choir has taken part in activities of the surrounding communities by singing at various programs. They presented special numbers at the Navy Day program in Lexington Park, a P.-T. A. Meeting for the Frank Knox school, and Sunday morning services both in Lexington Park and Leonardtown.

At Christmas, the choir presented a special Christmas program in King's Daughters and furnished background music for the Christmas pageant.

Hopes were high for a television broadcast over WBAL-TV in March but due to unforeseen circumstances it became only a plan for next year's choir.

The choir furnished music for the State Tricentenary celebration of the Act of Tolerance and closed the year with selections for Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Miss Gay's tireless efforts and the whole-hearted cooperation of each member enabled the St. Mary's choir to become not only a praiseworthy school organization but one which the county and outside audiences also can claim with pride.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship was founded in the late 1880's by seven men from Cambridge University in England. These seven, though they had all the material things that could be desired, gave up these possessions and turned to missionary work, thus organizing Inter-Varsity. The organization came to Canada about twenty-five years ago and has been in the United States about ten years. It can be found on many college campuses and in many nurses' homes.

On February 9, Miss Barbara Dixon, an I.V.C.F. representative, visited St. Mary's to speak to those girls who felt the need for a group of some spiritual nature on campus. She explained to the girls interested that each campus group functions in a different way, for the organization has not set up a definite slate of rules which must be followed. Inter-Varsity is conducted in keeping with the needs and desires of each individual group. During the discussion, Miss Dixon also brought out many interesting facts about other groups and gave pointers on how to get St. Mary's Inter-Varsity started. The organization's purpose is clearly to promote better spiritual understanding for the individual by informal Bible study and prayer groups. The meetings are held at St. Mary's once a week. For their first study project the group selected the gospel of Mark.

This interdenominational group, it is felt, is best suited to St. Mary's campus because it carries out the original tradition of the school—a living monument to religious tolerance in Maryland.

The Athletic Association Board

The activities of the ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, one of the largest and most popular organizations on the campus, are planned by an executive board consisting of the president of the association, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, social chairman, heads of the sports, and the head of the Physical Education Department. The members of the Board this year are: President, Emily Manlove; Vice-President, Beth Early; Secretary, Geraldine Rickert; Treasurer, Betty Resh; Social Chairman, Sally Turner; Archery, Betsy Jean Parlett; Basketball, Virginia Burnside; Boating, Grace Thada; Cheer-leading, Virginia Borgman; Dancing, Barbara Gray; Hockey, Gertrude Horsmon; Recreational Games, Mary Jane Wiles; Swimming, Charlotte Stanton; Softball, Anne Dennis; Tennis, Francis Frazer; Volleyball, Betsy Briscoe; Walking, Norma Lou Brewster, and Sponsor, Miss Ella Wilson.

The purpose of the ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION is to promote an interest in good sportsmanship and athletic competition, and to increase class spirit and loyalty to the school. It is also the aim of the ASSOCIATION to help each individual to improve her sport skills.

Point System

Every girl has the privilege of joining the Athletic Association. In order to do this, she must obtain 25 points from any field or fields of sports. All Association meetings are held frequently, at which time all new members are sworn in and presented Athletic handbooks. When a girl has received 100 points, she's awarded a shield; 200 points, her numerals; and 350 points, the letters SMS. The final goal for which every girl strives is the blazer, awarded when 500 points are earned.

The following members of the graduating classes have received their letters: Rachel Early, Anne Dennis, Emily Manlove, Barbara Gray, and Gertrude Horsmon. Due to much hard work and initiative, Beth Early and Sally Turner have earned the necessary points to win their blazers.

The Athletic Board feels that this system not only enables the girls to win their awards, but encourages them to have a share in the athletic program of our campus life.

SOFTBALL

(*Left to Right*) Bratt, Weaver, Turner, Manlove, Early.

HOCKEY

(*Left to Right*) Bratt, Rickert, Horsmon, Cooksey Thomas, Muessen, Weaver.

A. A. BOARD

(*Standing*) Parlett, Briscoe, Horsmon, Turner, Borgman, Dennis, Frazer, Thada, Burnside.
(*Middle*) Resh, Rickert, Early, Manlove, Miss Wilson.
(*Front*) Brewster, Wiles, Stanton, Gray.

BASKETBALL VARSITY

(*Standing*) Muessen, Parlett, Rickert, Stanton, Manlove, Stone, Rutan.
(*Seated*) Weaver, Busic, Pinder, Horsmon, Turner.

A. A. Picnic, September 11th

"Dungarees! Where are my dungarees? They must be under this debris somewhere. Why, it's almost time for us to leave for Church Point." Yes, that's it, the A.A. Picnic that always starts off the year with many laughs, a few tears, and many new acquaintances that last throughout the years.

While the food was being taken there in boats, Sem-Fems tripped merrily past the famed Oyster House and strode along their way to Church Point, where they soon found themselves waiting in line for the traditional hot dogs and luscious potato salad found only at the Seminary.

From supper until after twilight, everyone had great fun playing games and being entertained by some of the alumnae. The evening was brought to a close by singing songs beside the blazing campfire and under the starry and moonlit sky.

The Fall Prom, November 6th

"No, I get that iron next! Don't you realize, Harry, no, I mean, Johnny, oh, but it's Dick, isn't it, who is coming tonight, and I just have to look my best. After all, it's only once a year that the A.A. sponsors such a wonderful formal dance as this"; yes, the Autumn Serenade. The A.A. Board worked in planning the decorations, refreshments, and acquiring an orchestra to make the prom the success it had to be.

Dates started to arrive shortly after lunch. Light hearts were all aglow as the much-longed-for hour approached. Pretty dresses adorned with corsages could be seen in every nook of the dorm as the girls prepared to leave.

Everyone danced happily until intermission when every girl on the A.A. Board and her date was introduced. Following this, all journeyed to the recreation room where delicious refreshments were served. The evening ended all too soon, but everyone seemed to have a marvelous time.

Sports

The 1948-49 athletic season at St. Mary's was opened by the beginning of Hockey season. Gertrude Horsmon, the Athletic Board's representative in this sport, conducted class practices. After the teams had been chosen, there was inter-class competition. The result was:

	W.	L.	P. C.
Sophomores	3	0	1.000
Seniors	2	1	.666
Juniors	1	2	.333
Freshmen	0	3	.000

At the conclusion of these games, the varsity and junior varsity teams were selected. As is tradition, these two teams were mixed for the annual Army-Navy game. This year it was especially thrilling, ending with a score of 2-2. The class managers who worked so well with their teams and presented teams with such excellent teamwork should be recognized. The Seniors had as their captain, Emily Manlove; the Juniors, Jeraldine Rickert; the Sophomores, Gertrude Horsmon; and the Freshmen, Joan Michael.

Closely following hockey season came basketball. Virginia Burnside, manager, conducted class practices as well as varsity tryouts in this field. The varsity consisted of: forwards—Virginia Burnside, Gertrude Horsmon, Jeraldine Rickert, Sally Turner, Mary Lou Pinder, Elisabeth Parlett, Laura Jo Muessen; and guards—Emily Manlove, Anne Dennis, Diane Rutan, Joyce Busic, Bertha Stone, Norma Weaver, and Charlotte Stanton. Anne Dennis broke her arm in the first game of the season but remained an honorary member. The team had a successful season due to the skillful methods of play and the splendid coaching techniques of Miss Wilson. Virginia Burnside was captain of the team and Gertrude Horsmon was high scorer of the season. In the class competition, the Seniors took top honors, the Sophomores second, followed by the Juniors and Freshmen. The Senior manager was Dennis; Juniors, Rickert, Sophomores, Horsmon, and Freshmen, Rutan.

Along with basketball, came cheerleading. Virginia Borgman had very capable members in her squad. They were Betsy Briscoe, Barbara Pollock, Joan Michael, Babbie Gelston, Ann Lewis, Bette Jayne Laufer and Jean Dixon.

Tournaments were sponsored in badminton singles and doubles, ping-pong, and shuffleboard for school championships. Mary Jane Wiles, in charge of the recreational games, kept these contests in operation.

The next large activity was volley ball. Betsy Briscoe was in charge of this sport and conducted competitive class games. The class managers were—Seniors, Manlove; Juniors, Busic; Sophomores, Kaiser, and Freshmen, Bratt.

Barbara Gray was the A.A.'s representative in the modern dance department. She did a splendid job of arranging the May Day ceremonies. The main characters were Beth Early, as Lorelei; Barbara Gray as the Fisherman, and Mary L. Bratt as King Neptune. As a part of the May Day activities, the May Queen was crowned by Miss Russell. Jean Dixon, beautifully attired in a white gown, was elected to this position by the members of the student body. Olivene Taft, Apple Blossom Princess, served as Maid of Honor. The other members of the court were; Carolyn Baumann, Virginia Borgman, Joyce Busic, Betty Chandler, Catherine Cooksey, and Betty Resh.

Ann Dennis, softball manager, showed her leadership ability in making this sport as successful as it was. The varsity had games scheduled throughout the county and state.

The Athletic Association sponsored its annual Play Day the last part of May. The school was divided into teams, and relays and obstacle races were run, terminating in a grand prize.

In the spring, Frances Frazer was active in conducting the school tennis tournament. Along with this came swimming and boating, managed by Charlotte Stanton and Grace Thada.

Thus the complete schedule of sports at St. Mary's for the year 1948-49 came to an end. Each girl was attracted to at least one, and generally, all of these sports. Each girl was given the opportunity to demonstrate her athletic sportsmanship.

C. H. M. A.

Charlotte Hall, the source of much fun and activity! The Sem-Fems are all familiar with the detailed preparations before, and the Sunday afternoon sessions after, that persist in occurring when Charlotte Hall Military Academy has planned for an evening.

The year opened with the annual Get-Acquainted Dance at Charlotte Hall on September 25. All who attended mutually agreed on its success. October 16 saw the return Get-Acquainted here at St. Mary's. The year's festivities were thus duly initiated, and were destined to follow throughout the year.

November 13 was the Harvest Ball sponsored by the Monogram Club. It proved to be a "red-letter" day for all who attended.

Those letters from Charlotte Hall were indeed much awaited, as were those phone calls and Sunday afternoon dates!

December 11 found plans for the Washington and Stonewall Society Christmas Dance. It was held in the main building with an open fireplace and large Christmas trees comprising the main points of decorative interest.

The days flew by rapidly after Christmas, and soon the Junior Literary Society Valentine Dance on February 12 was the main topic of conversation. It was, indeed, a gala occasion.

"The Man Who Came to Dinner"—the play for the year, the Military Ball on April 30, and the June Ball on May 28 completed a year packed full of thrills and memories.

Can this subject be considered complete without mentioning the regular Saturday night tribute to Charlotte Hall—material proof of the appreciation of all the many wonderful times had with the Cadets. May those who have not experienced the excitement and thrill of such an occasion have the opportunity of doing so in the future.

Au Revoir To The U.S.O.

To the U.S.O. we bid a sad farewell, too.
Those Saturday nights! I remember! Don't you?
We sang on the bus to the base and then back,
With the *Bells of St. Mary's* sung at the last;
Then a hearty good cheer to the "good fellow" who drove us,
And, of course, pleasant dreams 'bout the night that just passed us!

We Seniors will miss joyous functions like this;
In fact, from a few, there's developed much bliss!
Can we ever forget the head hostesses there?
Miss Dickie, Miss Hjort, you've been a swell pair!
We've learned helpful hints of a true hostess from you
That I know will help us in our daily life, too.

The clever themes each week portrayed there on the walls,
Such as Christmas, St. Valentine, Easter—but that doesn't include all.
Will be held in our hearts, Then the rooms there, too;
The library, the music room, and Snack Bar for me and for you.
Everything was so pleasant and modern we know
It proved a great place for young people to go.

So now, from us all, we've last note to say,
Thank you, oh, thank you, for many times gay!
In the years to come when we look back over old times;
You, U.S.O., near the top of the list will be prime!
In our hearts, we'll remember each and all friends
That we made, thanks to you, U.S.O.—Deep gratitude we send!

—Beth Early.

Junior College Conferences

On October 23, 1948, representatives of nine Junior Colleges in Maryland met at Montgomery Junior College, Bethesda, Maryland. St. Mary's was represented at this meeting by Rachel Early, president of the senior class, and Carolyn Baumann, president of the Student Faculty Government Association, who was elected Secretary of the meeting. December 4 was agreed upon as the date of the next assembly to be held at Baltimore Junior College when individual panel discussions would be held on the following topics:

1. Stimulation of interest in athletics.
2. School publications in general.
3. Student Government Associations in general.
4. Money-raising projects and general finance programs.
5. Social activities in general.
   a. dances
   b. assemblies
   c. parties
6. Stimulation of intercollegiate activities other than athletics.
7. Conflict between high school and college units.

On December 4, 1948, representatives of the Junior Colleges met to discuss these subjects. After the committees had met separately, they came together to pool their decisions.

The delegates from St. Mary's were Carolyn Baumann, Virginia Borgman, Virginia Burnside, Rachel Early, Patricia Hayward, Emily Manlove, Laura Jo Muessen, Mary Lou Mumford, Betty Resh, and Elizabeth Thomas.

This spring, on April 2, delegates gathered at Lawson State Teachers College for a similar conference. Both Junior and Senior classes were well represented. The afternoon included both faculty and students in a discussion on "Balancing Faculty and Student Responsibilities in a College Community."

There should indeed, be credit given these youth of today for uniting and organizing, in all fields, their plans and ideas, which will become the foundations for the world of tomorrow.

The Week Before Christmas

The piano struck up a chord; Miss Gay gave a nod; the choir began to sing; thus started Christmas week at the Seminary on December 12, 1948.

On the following Tuesday, the Christmas Pageant, under the direction of Miss Reinbold, proved to be a huge success. Miss Emily Manlove of Cecilton, Maryland, was bestowed the honor of being "The Christmas Spirit," and with her large candle lighted our smaller ones for the candlelight service which followed in Trinity Church. The guests fully enjoyed the delicious cookies, doughnuts, coffee, and punch served by the ladies of the church in the parish house after the service.

The U.S.O. formal on December 15, and the Charlotte Hall Military Academy dance the preceding Saturday night, filled many a heart full of memories and many a diary full of adjectives!

Thursday, December 16, was the date of the Banquet. The Christmas turkey with all its trimmings, the gifts galore, the competitive skits which the Seniors won, and the all-night parties which followed made this a memorable occasion for everyone. The morning was welcomed by early-rising carolers, singing up and down the halls. For some, it was their first Christmas at the Seminary; for others, their last. But in either case, it was one never to be forgotten.

Excited hearts, joyful laughter, tired bodies, and friendly "goodbyes" were seen and heard on the seventeenth, and soon the halls of knowledge were empty and quiet. Another season was over for the Seminary, but the memories of these joyous experiences of Christmas week will long be remembered by all!

Sem Fems Tour

Early March found the Seminary with a newly-coined phrase, "She's on Tour," which could be heard at almost anytime in the dorm, in the halls, or in the classrooms. Just what did these words mean? Why, just what they said.

Three girls were at that time touring other schools throughout the State of Maryland striving to interest high school seniors in our school through the use of colored slides, short talks concerning various phases of life here at St. Mary's, and through personal contact with the girls.

The tours were under the direction of Miss Gertrude Reinbold, speech director, and Rachel Early, student chairman.

The talks were divided under three main headings: Plant and Academics, Special Subjects, and Social Life, the chairman of these committees being Mary Lou Mumford, Virginia Burnside, and Bette Jayne Laufer, respectively. Altogether, there were fourteen girls who covered approximately sixty Maryland high schools over a period of ten tours. Each tour lasted from one to five days, depending on the section of the state and the high schools involved. Miss Russell or a faculty member accompanied each group of three girls on tour and, needless to say, a fine time was had by all.

Future school years will prove the worth of these tours. It is sincerely hoped that the part which they have played will be most effective in helping to spread knowledge of, and stimulate interest in, so fine a school as our own St. Mary's.

Enactment Day

In the State Legislature of 1839, a proposal was made by the legislators from St. Mary's County that, celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the State, a school be established as a living memorial on the spot where the first settlement in Maryland was made. On March 21, 1840, the Charter was duly signed creating St. Mary's Female Seminary, a school of tolerance and well-being.

May Day

One of the most elaborate celebrations of the school year is the May Day Ceremony on May 7th. The ceremony was sponsored by the Athletic Association and directed by Miss Wilson, physical education instructor.

In an underwater atmosphere the heralds announced the approach of the May Queen and her Court. The first lady of the court to make her entrance was the Maid of Honor and St. Mary's representative to the Apple Blossom Festival, O'ivene Taft. The class princesses followed next—Carolyn Baumann, Virginia Borgman, Joyce Busic, Betty Chandler, Betty Resh and Catherine Cooksey. Each was charming in her pastel dress. Preceded by the crown bearer and flower girls, the lovely Queen, Jean Dixon, one of St. Mary's most attractive, entered amid great applause and admiration. Fulton Lewis, Jr., crowned Jean Dixon Queen of the May, and placed in her hand the scepter.

The second part of the May Day festivities was the pageant given in honor of our Queen. The thrilling story of Lorelei was beautifully enacted in modern dance.

The principals of this impressive ceremony were—Court Jester, Virginia Burnside; Lorelei, Beth Early; Fisherman, Barbara Gray; Men, Ann Dennis and Laura Jo Muessen; King Neptune, Mary Lou Bratt; Heralds, Geraldine Rickert, Eleanor Palmer, Frances Frazer, and Elizabeth Thomas; Mermaids, Dianne Rutan, Betsy Wetherill, Barbara Pollock, Ann Lewis; Court Dancers, Rachel Early, Mary Jane Wiles, Norma Weaver, Patricia Hayward, Ann Blackwell, and Betty McWilliams; May Pole Dancers, Gay Blackwell, Mary Lou Mumford, Carolyn Jackson, Lacy Rees, Mary June Robertson, Betsy Briscoe, Charlotte Stanton, and Mary Lou Pinder. Music for the festival was played by Betty Anne Smith and Gertrude Horsmon.

After the recessional a lovely tea was held in the Garden of Remembrance for the Queen and her Court, the guests, faculty and students.

Class Day Tradition

On Saturday, June 4, the annual event of Class Day begins with the rising of the sleepy-eyed Juniors at 6:00 a.m. to gather the daisies which later are bunched together by the Freshmen to form a "1949" in front of the pool in the "Garden of Remembrance." The procession of caps and gowns and white dresses can be seen as the girls progress into the garden singing "The Belles of St. Mary's." The Graduates form a semi-circle around the pool with the lower classmen whom they have chosen to cap. The Class History, Prophecy, and Will, which have been written by members of the class, are read. Each graduate places her cap upon the head of a lower classman, repeating her name and that of the person who is capped.

The incoming graduate president then changes the 1949 in daisies to read 1950, the year of her own class day.

The Senior president following the Seminary tradition plants a sprig of Westminster Abby Ivy and the Sophomore president plants a rose bush. And so ends another beautiful Seminary ceremony and the girls are one step closer to graduation.

Baccalaureate Service On Sunday June 5, at 4:00

The time of 4:00 on Sunday, June 5, holds the precedence over every other event which happens during this day. Parents, friends, and students gather in the music hall awaiting the graduates who march in singing the traditional song, "St. Mary's Daughters." The choir supplies the music for the program and the guest speaker, a Catholic Priest, delivers the Baccalaureate sermon. A quiet and attentive audience provides the setting for this memorable program, which is closed with a selection from the Seminary choir. The service is followed by a lovely garden party for all of the visitors held in the Garden of Remembrance. A feeling of pride and sincerity reigns throughout as the day comes to a close—the day before the grand finale of graduation.

105th Commencement At St. Mary's Held June 6, 1949

The 105th annual commencement is held in the Music Auditorium Monday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. As the selection of March from "Aida," by Verdi is played, the graduates in their robes of grey and black march up to the stage. The address was given to thirteen Seniors and twenty-two Sophomores, prizes and honors were conferred by the President, Miss May Russell.

Selections were presented by the choir and soloists. The Recessional was "Pomp and Circumstance."

The following received diplomas: Seniors—Carolyn Baumann, Bethesda, Maryland; Virginia Borgman, Cumberland, Maryland; Virginia Burnside, College Heights, Maryland; Anne Dennis, Bel Air, Maryland; Jean Dixon, Cumberland, Maryland; Mary Beth Early, Baltimore, Maryland; Rachel Anne Early, Baltimore, Maryland; Frances Frazer, Elkton, Maryland; Patricia Hayward, Delta, Pennsylvania; Emily Manlove, Cecilton, Maryland; Betty Anne Smith, Chestertown, Maryland; Elizabeth Thomas, Bowie, Maryland; Sally Turner, Detroit, Michigan.

Sophomores: Anne Blackwell, Baltimore, Maryland; Gay Blackwell, Baltimore, Maryland; Norma Lou Brewster, St. Michaels, Maryland; Betsy Briscoe, Prince Frederick, Maryland; Betty Chandler, Cambridge, Maryland; Catherine Dallam, Baltimore, Maryland; Barbara Grey, Prince Frederick, Maryland; Gertrude Horsman, Prince Frederick, Maryland; Carolyn Jackson, Speedway, Indiana; Yolanda Kaiser, Baltimore, Maryland; Jean Morris, Salisbury, Maryland; Eleanor Palmer, New York City, New York; Elisabeth Parlett, Ellicott City, Maryland; Mary Lou Pinder, Wilmington, Delaware; Barbara Pollock, Oakland, Maryland; Beth Proutt, Detroit, Michigan; Betty Resh, Hampstead, Maryland; Beverly Sewell, Chester, Maryland; Olivene Taft, Lexington Park, Maryland; Grace Thada, Washington, D. C.; June Weiner, Washington, D. C.

School Calendar 1948-1949

September

September 9—10:00 A.M. New girls take over; 10:00 P.M. New girls ready to relinquish offices.

September 10—Old girls take over, new girls awed by exclamations, "Oh, it's so wonderful to be back to see you!"

September 10—A.A. picnic. Golly! Jackie Weaver! The Seminary couldn't be that bad, could it?! Or is it that Bel Air is just that good!

September 11—Faculty takes over—*period!*

September 11—Anne Dennis eats her first Sunday dinner at the Seminary.

September 12—Senior Class gives a tea for school. Guess who ended up in the dish-water!

September 14—"Hello, Mom?—I *just* want to go over and be with the girls!" (Repeat this line fifty times) Then can be heard in the distance a small, weak, limpid cry of, "I've just got to have another cigarette!"

September 15—Only 37 days 'til long weekend according to Scratch's watch.

September 16—Smoking pers arrive by the dozens.

September 24—Hockey season in full swing! Swing—ha! That is an understatement. Betty Anne Smith faces the crisis with no shin guards, either! Beth Early and Jean Morris are perfect chickens!!

September 25—Get Acquainted Dance at Charlotte Hall. They might be young but they're nice, huh? High school girls!

September 28—Say—I believe Mary Louise Bratt has lost a quarter of a pound with all this hockey! Take it easy, kid!

September 29—I feel relieved again! Mary Louise Bratt has gained back that quarter of a pound!

October

October 2—Miss Russell's birthday banquet. Who dropped the chicken pattie under the table—Sal!?!

October 6—Senior class wins prize in assembly for the quiz. Those Hershey Kisses were really good, too, you all! Would you care for one?

October 16—Return dance for Charlotte Hall from the High School. The D.A.R. luncheon, too! Gee, Francie, I'll bet those aprons will haunt you 'til the day you die!!

October 18—Infirmary still filled as hockey teams are chosen from more able-bodied students.

October 22—Some by bus, some by train—But at last we're home again.

October 25—First report period—"Dear folks . . . this is *just* the first one—"

October 30—Home Ec. Party—9:00 P.M. Arabs, Indians and foreigners in the rec room.
—1:00 A.M. Ghosts hover throughout the school.

November

November 6—A.A. Fall Prom—"Autumn Serenade" (Later: serenade of male voices under darkened windows.) But in the darkness, "Goodness!" says Barbara Friend, "Isn't Don's yellow convertible ever going to come?"

November 11—"We march, we march, to Leonardtown!" Poor Bobby Gelston and Paloma! They practically *crawled* back to St. Mary's Academy to get on the bus!

November 19-20—Junior-Freshmen play—"Ladies in Retirement"—Palmer wouldn't retire, Muessen and Wetherill wouldn't give up the chase.

November 21—Many of us made a very enjoyable trip to the Washington Cathedral whose beauty was raved about weeks afterward.

November 24—Just ask Beth!

November 24-28—Thanksgiving vacation finds a large group of girls being very grateful for irregular hours (!), too much good food, and two few females!

November 29—Girls unpack from Thanksgiving.

November 30—Scratch's watch says, "Tick-Tock" (Oops, sorry)—19 more days!

December

December 3—Witzke finds out the difference between sweet potatoes and white potatoes!

December 4—Girls half way packed for Christmas!

December 6—Two miniature *Dukes* arrive at the Seminary in the form of "Misty" and "Pebbles."

December 7—Miss Stickney is very startled by something that sounds like short high barks. Why?! (refer to above date!)

December 11—Senior-Sophomore bazaar; got any love problems to be solved? Make an appointment with Nupie!

December 11—Christmas dance at Charlotte Hall. "I know you didn't like 5" x 7" pictures, Rachel, so I made these 8" x 10".

December 13—"David's coming."

December 14—The Christmas pageant. June Weiner—I mean Melchoir, you looked adorable! Emily was the Spirit of Christmas. Where in the . . . is the end of this curtain!"

December 15—U. S. O. formal Christmas Dance. "Sink the Army, sink the Army gray!

December 16—The Christmas banquet. It was beautiful and so meaningful to all of us graduating this year.

December 17—"Merry Christmas, everybody!" S. M. S. settles down for 17 days of peace!

January

January 4—"Klepto" needs money and so he came to visit Judy Dean and Gail Teese.

January 7—Ann Dennis risks her own life for the sake of her school's varsity basketball team!

January 8—Ah, Yes! two more weeks until—well! Avoid the June rush! Fail *now*.

January 8—North meets South. "But Sue, Sugar, I mean it!" Need I say more, Sue Anne Myers!

January 9—And Gertrude Horsmon "Liver" said, "You tickle me and I'll slap you!!" ***

January 10—Students still roaming the halls with happy smiles on their faces from Christmas.

January 11—Scratch's watch says only 11 more days until you know what!

January 12—Studious frowns adorn the faces of all. Come on, kids! Exams couldn't be that bad! "Powder your face with sunshine" and sprinkle helpful ink marks on your hands!!

January 22—Oh, horrors of horrors! The great week we have been looking forward to has finally come.—Where is everybody?—Oh, but of course—they're in their rooms *learning*—I mean *reviewing* for exams.

January 27—Many of the college girls bid Norma Lee Mason (now Mrs. Tull) a fond farewell at a Bridal Shower with best wishes for future happiness. And that's right, that sweet little Junior, Barbara Friend, got the ring! Beware, Don!

January 24-30—Ignorance is bliss—again!

February

February 1—A hearty welcome is given to the new students, Sue Anne Meyers, Byrd Lynch, and Elsie Davis. Molly Marshall decided the Navy life was more appealing.

February 4—The school sends deep sympathy to Mrs. Brown.

February 5—Back to civilization and *Hamlet!* "To be, or not to be; that is the question!" How about it, Ellie?

February 6—Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Mighty Mouse? No!! It's Judy and Eloise Russell with their dates "mincing" down the road 100 miles per hour.

February 6—What's that you say, Muse?

February 8—Indignant letters swarm all over S. M. S. "What's Lawrence Olivier got that I haven't?" (signed—your O. A. O.)

February 11—Anne Dennis gets an engagement ring a solitaire. Congratulations to you and Herb and many years of happiness to you.

February 12—All we hear in the halls now is, "Until, there is no moon above." But of course, Charlotte Hall had their Valentine's Dance tonight. That's what brought all these dreamy faces!

February 12-14—Everybody's getting "Heart-trouble" and true loves this year are expressed by beautiful large valentines, large boxes of candy, *and* small boxes with diamonds in them.

February 18—Mary Alice Waesche, "What's that smell in the hall?" June Weiner, "I don't know—French Club this afternoon!"

February 21—Jarvis, expressing the realization of an acute man-shortage is St. Mary's City boldly exclaims in Biology class, "He's only an amoeba!"

February 26—The Mt. Rainier game and the Basketball Bounce. See lecture slides for further comment—eh, Laufer?

February 27—Beth is on time for the roll call for church! Mrs. Manson feels faint—the school is shocked!

February 28—Mrs. Manson slowly recuperating from the shock of the 27th!

March

March 1—Miss Rotha gets blood-thirsty!

March 2—The college Physiology class draws the students' blood. Congratulations to Ellie Palmer for taking it so calmly, coldly, and *faintly!* (Classes may have to be stopped for the rest of the week while sore fingers heal over!)

March 7—Congratulations to Betty Anne and Byrd on your very pretty rings.

March 9—Elsie Davis—TELEPHONE! She's beginning to reach that famed record of Iodine's with three or four calls a day!

March 10—College girls inherit tubes of squirting sunshine! (It's *Acnomel* if you all want to get technical about it.)

March 12—For one innocent engaged sailor to a Sem-Fem at the U. S. O., "Tell me, Joanne, could you give me some advice?"

March 13—"Emily, do you care for some more *spoon bread?!*" Brewster and Resh, did I hear you all had a little difficulty between the "lights out" bell and the faculty?

March 15—The Ides of March—beware!

March 17—Varsity-Faculty Basketball Game! Yea, Miss Reinbold!

March 19—Girls begin packing for Easter Holidays!

March 24—Biology students retreat from invading termites!

March 26—"Only an Orphan Girl." My hero!

March 27—Jerry Rickert checks college floor for study hall and one energetic member of the Junior Class replied to the council-member's call, "Goodnight!" (Happy *studying*, kids.)

March 29—Rachel, an ever faithful student of modern dance, waits half the period for a class which was discontinued!

March 29—Twenty-eight termites should be chalked up for Nupie Baumann—oops, twenty-nine!

April

April 1—French Club Festival. Beth is crowned "Queen of Fools"! (Comment allez-vous ce soir?)

April 2—Beth Proutt!!!

April 6—Everybody is sitting on the edge of her bed with her bathing suit on waiting for Miss Chance to give the signal "go"!—to go in swimming! ("Dreams are a dime a dozen")!

April 9—Dances for May Day officially start forming. Congratulations, Bobby Gray—you're doing a wonderful job heading this momentous occasion.

April 10—Anne Dennis eats her second Sunday dinner at the Seminary! See, Ann, you didn't pray hard enough for rain!

April 11—Nothing happened unusual—the same old thing—Francie is still patiently waiting for Richard—Iodine is still beaming from a past letter from Nick—Lacy, of course, received her daily phone call from Russ—and Jimmy Rutan is now radiant—what with a letter from Johnny!

April 12—A number of girls are "honored" once more—this time to attend the delightful play, *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, at Charlotte Hall. We all know Betsy Wetherill wished the driver of the bus would wear a lead shoe designed especially for the accelerator!

April 13—What a morbid looking group of Sem-Fems! I can understand their sadness, though; they're leaving for Easter Vacation! (Jean Morris can't bear to go so far from the Seminary to home, so she decided to stay nearer her Alma Mater—at Sue Anne Myers' home?!)

April 20—Oh, for a bed! My poor feet—Will those dances never be learned! May Day! Poor Mary Lou Mumford—I think she's so worked up about it that she'll be out modern dancing all down the boardwalk this summer at Ocean City!

April 20—Ah, such bright-eyed students, I have never seen the like before. Don't let me kid you—you all look dead—*dead!*

April 30—The Military Ball at Charlotte Hall. See Rachel for various reasons!

May

May 7—May Day with all its festivity is something to treasure for years. Dixie, how did you ever keep it secret?

May 14-15—Alumnae Weekend! Need we say more?

May 19—Speech Arts Contest—ever try to cram a play into fifteen minutes? Try it some time—its relaxing!

May 19—Charlotte Hall supplies entertainment to student body, "Now," says a loyal defender, "I told you so!"

May 20—Thirteen Seniors disappear! (P.S. Thirteen weary Seniors wander in in the wee hours! Tell me more!)

May 21—A wonderful Farewell picnic to graduates! Many thanks to a wonderful group of girls.

May 22—Now the Juniors disappear! It's a racket! How are the posies growing, girls?

May 28—"Beams and flashlights all remind us
It's examination time!
In a week it will be over—
Life again will be suhlime!"

May 28—The June Ball at Charlotte Hall! "Parting is such sweet sorrow."

May 29—What—no dates? Bashful, girls, or just plain busy?

June

June 2—Breathing is easier—that is before Play Day starts! Life can be beautiful—so they say!

June 3—Piano recital. Must be nice to be talented! Oh, well, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

June 4—Class day. How was the sunrise? "Be sure and water our rosebush next year!"

June 5—Baccalaureate Service. The tasks of Life await us, be worthy of them.

June 6—Graduation. Our ways must, of necessity, part. We only say "Farewell"—we'll be back to see you.

(*Left to Right*) Horsmon, Dennis, Thomas, Lewis, Early, Morris

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Hearty and well-earned thanks are due this staff for their cooperation, both with their editor and with each other. This cooperation enabled us to produce an annual St. Mary's students and graduates will cherish and enjoy for years to come. On behalf of this staff, I thank Miss Russell for her sponsorship and never-failing desire to help and support our work. We are only the second *Castellan* Staff to represent St. Mary's; but, with the sincere hope that many will follow us, we finish our work with pride.

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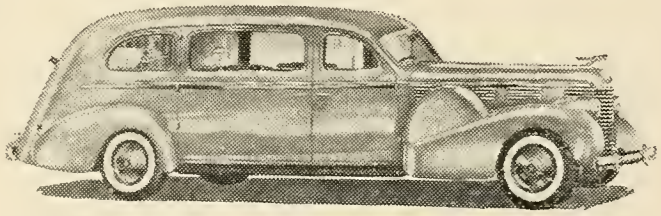

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